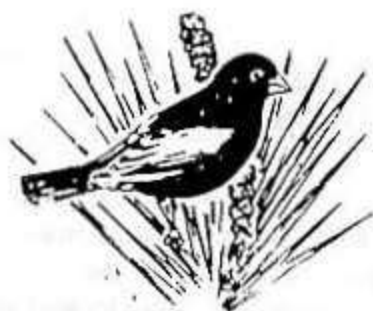




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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING ON THE FIRST WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER THROUGH MAY, EXCEPT FOR DECEMBER, AT 7:30 PM, DENVER MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, RICKETSON AUDITORIUM

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, February 5, 1997

Program: "Birding in Kenya"

Speaker: Larry Sanders

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FIELD TRIP SUMMARY DECEMBER 1996

December 7, Saturday (NDL)

Northwest Denver area lakes

Leaders: Diana and Don Mullineaux

0830-1200. 15 miles by car, 1.0 miles on foot.

Clear, wind north 0-10 mph, 30-40°F.

Observers: Miriam Friggens, Peggy Gonder, Carley Warren.

41 species, 1,803 individuals.

December 8, Sunday (CCR)

Cherry Creek Reservoir

Leader: Randy Lentz

0830-1530. 25 miles by car, 2.0 miles on foot.

Clear, wind west 0-5 mph, 45-65°F.

Observers: Marlene Andrews, Donna Baker, Ursula Barsch, Don Beltz, Myriam Friggens, Peter Lowen, Edwin McConkey, Larry Modesitt, Lisa Sinke, Joe TenBrink.

39 species, 942 individuals.

TUESDAY BIRDERS

December 3, Tuesday (RRP)

Red Rocks and Morrison Parks

Leader: Ann Bonnell. 32 observers.

0900-1200. 5 miles by car, 1.0 miles on foot.

Sunny, calm, 36-43°F.

26 species, 146 individuals.

December 10, Tuesday (WRG)

Wheat Ridge Greenbelt

Leader: Ann Bonnell. 30 observers.

0900-1230. Zero miles by car, 3.0 miles on foot.

Partly cloudy, wind west 5-30 mph, 57-58°F.

39 species, 1,428 individuals.

Monna Krebs, Compiler

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Remember, all DFO members renew at the beginning of the calendar year. Unless your membership was effective after October 1, 1996, it expired December 31 and will terminate January 31, 1997. Use the renewal form on the inside of the mailing wrapper to continue your membership.

And while renewing, remember that DFO is largely successful because of the number of members who donate their time and effort. Consider volunteering for Officer, Director, Field Trip Leader, or other, by checking one, or more boxes on the renewal form!

THE LARK BUNTING

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A BIG THANK YOU TO THE MENOUGH'S

On December 21 Scott and Sandy Menough, owners of Wild Birds Unlimited, graciously hosted the compilation meeting for the Christmas Bird Count at their store located at 2720 S. Wadsworth Blvd. Their quarters, which cater to every facet of birdwatching and birdfeeding, provided a perfect atmosphere for the trip leaders to join and tally their sightings. Thanks Scott and Sandy!

IN MEMORIAM

Bernice "Be" Merry, active in DFO until she and her husband Paul moved to Bayfield, passed away at her home on December 13. We send sympathy to the family and remember good birding times with this special lady. Phyllis Fischer, 987-3105 has been in touch with Paul.

CORRECTION

The Prairie Warbler listed in the Additional Sightings on October 10 at Barr Lake State Park, should have been listed as a Palm Warbler. Please correct your October Additional Sightings to reflect this change.

TINA JONES - WINTER CLASSES

Rosy-Finches and Winter Birds. Tina Jones, wildlife consultant and well known field trip leader, instructs the class. Students will learn in a classroom session about northern latitude birds and their natural history. Classroom session is Thursday February 13, 7:00 p.m. at the Denver Audubon Society office. The Field trip is Saturday, February 15, with February 16 as a snow date. Participants will look for rosy-finches, Pine and Evening Grosbeaks, crossbills and any other northern specialty birds that may be in the area such as redpolls and Snow Buntings. Fee is \$20 for Audubon members and \$30 for non-members. Call Audubon at 696-

0877 to register. Call Tina at 794-2647 for more details.

Owls and Hawks of Colorado-Soaring Beauties. A class offered by Denver Botanic Gardens. Learn how to identify these birds, along with many different age groups of Bald Eagles. Classroom session is Thursday, February 20, 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. The field trip is February 22 with February 23 as snow date. Extensive handouts provided. Call the Botanic Gardens at 370-8020 to register. For more details contact the instructor, Tina Jones at 794-2647. Tina was involved in a small owl study for Boulder County and brings her research information to the class. Class fee is required. Learn why Colorado is one the top states to observe both Bald and Golden Eagles, and learn why we have such a variety of owls in the state.

SPECIES	7 NDL	8 CCR	3 RRP	10 WRG
Pacific Loon		1		
Pied-billed Grebe	3			3
Horned Grebe		1		
Western Grebe	3	15		
Double-crested Cormorant	1			1
Ross' Goose	1			
Canada Goose	1400	210		850
Green-winged Teal	3	75		3
Mallard	80	20	2	70
Northern Pintail	1			
Northern Shoveler		25		1
Gadwall	21	6		1
American Wigeon	2	6		19
Canvasback	4			3
Redhead	8	1		4
Ring-necked Duck	7			18
Lesser Scaup	15			14
Common Goldeneye	24	28		27
Bufflehead	5			
Hooded Merganser	12	2		
Common Merganser	7	8		
Red-breasted Merganser	13			16
Bald Eagle		1a	2	
Northern Harrier	1	3		
Sharp-shinned Hawk	1			

SPECIES	7 NDL	8 CCR	3 RRP	10 WRG
Accipiter species				1
Red-tailed Hawk	1	3	1	
Golden Eagle			1	
American Kestrel		1	2	
Ring-necked Pheasant	1	1		
Virginia Rail		5h		
American Coot	29	180		31
Killdeer		3		
Ring-billed Gull	40	140		75
California Gull		35		
Herring Gull		20		
Rock Dove	24		8	7
Eastern Screech-Owl				1
Belted Kingfisher	1	1		2
Downy Woodpecker			1	4
Northern Flicker			4	13
"Red-shafted" race	5	7		
Blue Jay		1		1
Western Scrub-Jay			18	
Black-billed Magpie	10	18	12	30
American Crow	1	2	3	4
Common Raven			4	
Black-capped Chickadee	5	4	10	22
Mountain Chickadee			2	
White-breasted Nuthatch				4
Brown Creeper				1
Canyon Wren			2	
American Dipper			1	
Ruby-crowned Kinglet			2	
Townsend's Solitaire			4	
American Robin	2	6	2	1
European Starling	35	45	2	75
Spotted Towhee			1	2
American Tree Sparrow	5			
Song Sparrow	5	12	2	5
White-crowned Sparrow				2
Harris Sparrow	1			
Dark-eyed Junco	5		38	7
"Oregon" race		6		
Red-winged Blackbird	4	28		2
Western Meadowlark		1		
Cassin's Finch			1	
House Finch	8	12	15	60
Pine Siskin				1
American Goldfinch	4	3		2
House Sparrow	5	6	6	45
TOTAL SPECIES	41	39	26	39
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	1803	942	146	1428

ADDITIONAL REPORTS - DECEMBER 1996

SPECIES	Date	Count	Location	County	Observers
Red-throated Loon	12/6	1aw	Cherry Creek Reservoir	Arapahoe	J.B. Hayes
	12/27-30	1aw	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, Chris Wood
Pacific Loon	12/1	1i	Lake Holbrook	Otero	Brandon Percival, David Smith
	12/7-12/27	1	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, mo
	12/10-13	2	Cherry Creek Reservoir	Arapahoe	Bob Brown
Common Loon	12/1	1aw	Chatfield Reservoir	Jefferson	J.B. Hayes
	12/1	1	Lake Holbrook	Otero	Brandon Percival, David Smith
	12/6-30	1-2	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, mo
Tundra Swan	12/22	1i	Lake Cheraw	Otero	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos, mo
Trumpeter Swan	12/9	7a	Roxborough Village	Douglas	J.B. Hayes
	12/17	7	South Platte River gravel pond upstream from Chatfield State Park	Douglas	Dan Bridges
	12/28	3	John Martin Marsh	Bent	Dan Bridges
Mute Swan	12/8	1a	Connected Lakes State Park, Grand Junction	Mesa	Dan Bridges, Coen Dexter, Brenda Wright (F)
	12/9	1i	Ridgeway State Park Lake	Ouray	Dan Bridges (F)
Greater White-fronted Goose	12/1-10	1-2	Utah Park, Aurora	Arapahoe	Dan Bridges
	12/5	1a1i	Ketring Park, Littleton	Arapahoe	J.B. Hayes
Snow Goose "Blue" Morph	12/21	1a	Chatfield State Park	Jefferson	J.B. Hayes
Ross' Goose	12/1	4	Rocky Ford SWA	Otero	Brandon Percival, David Smith
Greater Scaup	12/15	2m	Lake Cheraw	Otero	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
Oldsquaw	12/7	1	Lake Cheraw	Otero	Brandon Percival, Peter Gent, Mark Janos
	12/22	1f	Lake Cheraw	Otero	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos, mo
	12/27	1f	Valco Ponds, Pueblo	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, Chris Wood
Barrow's Goldeneye	12/11-12	1f	Valco Ponds, Pueblo	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, David Smith
	12/25	1m	S. Platte River north of 74th Ave.	Adams	Verla Priest
	12/27	1am, 1im	Valco Ponds, Pueblo	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, Chris Wood
Northern Goshawk	12/7	1a	Rocky Ford SWA	Otero	Brandon Percival, mo
Merlin (Taiga)	12/26	1f	CR 150 at W. Bijou Creek	Elbert	Joe TenBrink
Peregrine Falcon	12/8	1	Fruita	Mesa	Dan Bridges, Coen Dexter, Brenda Wright
Bonaparte's Gull	12/6-14	up to 15	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, mo
Mew Gull	12/21	1a	Valco Ponds, Pueblo	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Thayer's Gull	12/7-30	up to 3fw	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, mo
	12/9	1fw	Chatfield State Park	Jefferson	J.B. Hayes
	12/10	1fw	Cherry Creek Reservoir	Arapahoe	J.B. Hayes
	12/21	3fw	Chatfield State Park	Jefferson	J.B. Hayes
	12/21	1aw	Chatfield State Park	Jefferson	J.B. Hayes
Lesser Black-backed Gull	12/30	1aw	McLellan Reservoir	Arapahoe	J.B. Hayes
	12/30	1sw	Valco Ponds, Pueblo	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, Drew Smith
Glaucous Gull	12/30	1sw	Valco Ponds, Pueblo	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, Drew Smith
Great Black-backed Gull	12/6-27	1a	Arkansas River at Pueblo and Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, mo
Black-legged Kittiwake	12/7-14	1i	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, mo

SPECIES	Date	Count	Location	County	Observers
Eurasian Collared-Dove	12/1-22	up to 8	Rocky Ford	Otero	Brandon Percival, David Smith, mo
Northern Pygmy-Owl	12/7	1	Plateau Creek near I-70	Mesa	Dan Bridges, Coen Dexter, Brenda Wright
	12/21	1a	Chatfield State Park	Jefferson	J.B. Hayes
Long-eared Owl	12/21	1a	Chatfield State Park	Jefferson	J.B. Hayes
Short-eared Owl	12/9	1	Doyleville	Gunnison	Dan Bridges
Ladder-backed Woodpecker	12/14	1m	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
Sedge Wren	12/11	1	Valco Ponds, along Highway 96	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, David Smith (F)
	12/12	1	Valco Ponds Marsh	Pueblo	Karleen Schofield (F)
Eastern Bluebird	12/22	5	Rocky Ford SWA	Otero	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos, Lindsay Lilly
Mountain Bluebird	12/26	300m	CR 150 east of W. Bijou Creek	Elbert	Joe TenBrink
Brown Thrasher	12/15	1	Rocky Ford SWA	Otero	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
Curve-billed Thrasher	12/7	2	North of Fowler	Crowley	Brandon Percival, Peter Gent, Mark Janos
Bohemian Waxwing	12/22	2	Rocky Ford SWA	Otero	Brandon Percival, Jordon Dimmick, Bob Goycoolea
Orange-crowned Warbler	12/7	1	Valco Ponds SWA	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, mo
Savannah Sparrow	12/1	2	Lake Cheraw	Otero	Brandon Percival, David Smith
Lincoln's Sparrow	12/21	1	Valco Ponds, Pueblo	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Swamp Sparrow	12/11-22	1	Valco Ponds, along Highway 96	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, mo
	12/15	1	Rocky Ford SWA	Otero	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
White-throated Sparrow	12/1	1	Rocky Ford SWA	Otero	Brandon Percival, David Smith
	12/27	1	Cherry Creek Reservoir	Arapahoe	Jean Maguire
Golden-crowned Sparrow	12/15	1	Red Rocks Park	Jefferson	Bob Brown
Harris' Sparrow	12/21	1i	West of Pueblo Nature Center	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
	12/22	1i	South side of Rocky Ford	Otero	Brandon Percival, Jordon Dimmick, Bob Goycoolea
	12/30	1i	Adams County Fairgrounds Wildlife Area	Adams	Karleen Schofield
Snow Bunting	12/6	1fw	Cherry Creek Reservoir	Arapahoe	J.B. Hayes
Great-tailed Grackle	12/1	20	Cheraw	Otero	Brandon Percival, David Smith
Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch	12/28	104	Near Westcliffe	Custer	Brandon Percival, Van Truan, Chris Wood
Black Rosy-Finch	12/22	1	445 Harrison St., Walden	Jackson	Dan Bridges
Brown-capped Rosy-Finch	12/28	100	Near Westcliffe	Custer	Brandon Percival, Van Truan, Chris Wood
Pine Grosbeak	12/28	1	Near Westcliffe	Custer	Brandon Percival, Van Truan, Chris Wood
Purple Finch	12/15	1fp	Rocky Ford	Otero	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
Red Crossbill	12/8-31	12-18a	4400 Bow Mar Dr., Littleton	Jefferson	Tina Jones

a = adult, sba = sub-adult, m = male, f = female, fp = female plumage (could be immature), j = juvenile, i = immature, d = dead, fym = first year male, fw = first winter, sw = second winter, br = breeding plumage, b = banded, w = winter plumage, n = nesting, c = calling, s = singing, h = heard, (F) = form submitted

1996 DENVER CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT

Day, Date, & Time: Saturday, December 21, 1996, 4:00am to 5:00pm.
 Compiler: Dick Schottler Feeder Coordinators: Patty Echelmeyer & Tina Jones
 Sky: Partly cloudy to overcast Temp.: 17°-50° F. Wind: Variable, 0-30 mph
 Snow Cover: 0-10" Fresh Water: Partly open Wild Food Crop: Fair to good
 Observers: 133 (74 in 30 parties, 59 feeder watchers at 52 feeders).
 Total Party Hours: 214.25 (137 on foot, 77.25 by car) including 3.5 owling.
 Total Party Miles: 738.8 (100.5 on foot, 638.3 by car) including 11.5 owling.
 Hours Spent Watching Feeders: 114
 Total Count: 101 species; 30,104 individuals.

Participants by Area (Area Leader's names underlined):

- Area 1. Red Rocks Park (RRP): Winston W. Brockner, Bob Brown, Lea Ann Brown.
- Area 2. Lower Bear Creek (LBC): Bobbie Ausfahl, Tamie Bulow, Patty Echelmeyer, Mary Jane Schock, Robert Spencer, Ellie Walker.
- Area 2A. Bear Creek Lake Park (BCP): Kathy Hawkins, Syl Sather.
- Area 3. Bow Mar/Marston (BMM): Dennis Bowman, Tina Jones, Judy Miller, Diana Mullineaux, Mortimer Staatz.
- Area 4A. Lower South Platte (LSP): Virginia Bleck, Ed Holub, Pearl Jordan, Paul Priest, Verla Priest.
- Area 4B. Lower South Platte (LSP): Dick Pratt, Dick Schottler, Ray Sperger.
- Area 5. Highline Ditch (HLD): Betty Oliver, Harold Oliver.
- Area 6. Plum Creek (PCK): Norm Erthal.
- Area 7A. Middle South Platte (MSP): Joey Kellner, Chris Wood.
- Area 7B. Middle South Platte (MSP): Peter Gillette, Hugh Kingery, Urling Kingery, Deb Ostergard.
- Area 8. Chatfield Reservoir (CHA): Tom Hablitzel, J. B. Hayes, Randy Lentz, Steve Williams.
- Area 9. Upper South Platte (USP): Carolyn Cooley, Doris Cruz, Deborah Rudnick, Helen Standish, Amy Young.
- Area 10. Lower Deer Creek (LDC): Karin Donnerstag, Phil Hayes, Lynn Willcockson.
- Area 11. Upper Deer Creek (UDC): Doug Ward.
- Area 12. Yegge Peak (YPK): Ann Bonnell, Else Van Erp, Tom Van Erp.
- Area 13. Doublehead Mountain (DM): David Laliberte, Frances Sperl.
- Area 14. North Turkey Creek (NTC): Brenda Beatty, Jesse Brown, Linda Brown, Warren Finch.
- Area 15. Indian Hills (IH): Duane Nelson, Warren Roske, Sherman Wing.
- Area 16. Upper Bear Creek (UBC): David Quesenberry.
- Area 17. Ken Caryl Ranch (KCR): Donald Ice, Dieter Kamm.
- Area 18. Garrison Gate (GG): Chuck Aid.
- Area 19. Morrison/Willow Brook (MWB): Alan Hay, Tina Jones, Jackie King, Bill Urquhart, Nancy Urquhart, John Weege.
- Area 20. Willow Creek (WCK): James Gross, Karen Gross, Kurt Hebner.

Area 21. Mt. Lindo/Willow Springs (MLW): Marlene Andrews, Sherry Chapman, Jim Norton, Karleen Schofield.

Feeder Watchers: Jane Axtell, Faye Benway, Gay Bishop, Candy Bloyal, John Bonnell, Margo Breen, Nan Brehmer, Bill & Jan Carter, Betty Chrisman, Carol Duecker, Marcia Ferguson, Alma & Joseph Fields, Polly Fields, Phyllis Fischer, Marjory Friedman, Marie Grosshuesh, Jerome Grutza, Stan & Betty Harwood, Margi Hasslacher, Elaine & Bob Helsley, Jewell & Bill Henrichs, Dorothy Horton, Alicia Kamm, Norman Kautsky, Lila Kint, Lois Klawitter, Kurt Lane, George Lange, Barb Livingston, Mrs. Garth Magee, Dick Masteller, Jack McGrath, Harold & Doris McLaughlin, Doreen Near, Marty Poole, John Presler, Chuck Preston, Leon Rollin, Reuben Ross, Lisa & Doug Saccarto, Jacque Schneider, Leslie Schreiner, Ray Scott, Janet Shin, Pat Snider, Ann Southcott, Kathy Wallace, Donald Wargo, John Weege, Sherman Wing, Scott Yarberry.

1996 DENVER CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT HIGHLIGHTS
by Dick Schottler, Compiler

On Saturday, December 21, 1996, for the 43rd consecutive year, the Denver Christmas Bird Count took place in the 15-mile diameter Count circle centered just north of the old Ken Caryl Ranch entrance. The first CBC in this circle in 1954, conducted by DFO's predecessor organization, the Colorado Bird Club, tallied 11,586 birds of 80 species. This year 30,104 individual birds of 101 species were recorded by the 74 field observers and 59 feeder watchers (compared with 33,390 individuals of 106 species in 1995). The weather cooperated with relatively mild temperatures (following several sub-zero mornings earlier in the week) and lower-than-forecast winds in most of the circle.

As usual, the counters turned up a number of exciting birds on the Count. Two species were added to the cumulative Denver CBC list this year, bringing the total number of species seen since 1954 to an amazing 185! An Osprey was well observed by four experienced birders near Ward Reservoir in Area 2, and a Northern Cardinal was observed at the Axtell's feeder in Willowbrook (last year, this feeder hosted the Count's first Plain Titmouse; what goodie will show up next year?). Additional species seen this year that have been recorded on 5 or fewer of the previous 42 Denver CBC's included: 2 male Barrow's Goldeneyes observed on the South Platte in Area 4B (single birds seen on 4 previous Counts), an adult Lesser Black-backed Gull at Chatfield Reservoir (where the only previous record occurred in 1991), and an immature Golden-crowned Sparrow at Red Rocks Park, Area 1 (seen on 5 previous counts).

New maximum individual numbers were established for six species in 1996: Northern Shoveler (259; previous high 240), Bald Eagle (17 reported from 10 areas including some possible duplicates; previous high 13), Red-tailed Hawk (81; previous high 77), Wild Turkey (139; previous high 125), Western Scrub-Jay (206; previous high 203), and American Crow (1,277; previous high 964). The 64 American Kestrels tallied tied the record high reported in 1981. On the other hand, the numbers of American Wigeon, Hairy Woodpecker, Steller's Jay, and Pygmy Nuthatch recorded were the lowest in 29 years or more.

The ten most numerous species observed on the 1996 Count were: Canada Goose (10,815), European Starling (2,477), House Finch (1,955), Mallard (1,668), American Crow (1,277), Red-winged Blackbird (1,186), House Sparrow (1,171), Dark-eyed Junco (974), Black-billed Magpie (915), and Common Merganser (687).

As compiler of the 43rd Denver Christmas Bird Count, I want to thank all of the field observers and feeder watchers for participating. The Count is a DFO tradition, and I hope we can get more members to take part in future counts (the 1997 Count will be on Saturday, December 20 - mark your calendars). Special thanks go to the 24 Area Leaders whose efforts make the Count a success year after year, to Patty Echelmeyer and Tina Jones for their efforts in coordinating and compiling the feeder counts, and to Scott and Sandy Menough for hosting our compilation meeting at their Wild Birds Unlimited store for the second year.

A=Feeders, Plains
B=Feeders, Foothills
C=Grand Total

SPECIES	1	2	2A	3	4A	4B	5	6	7A	7B	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	C=Grand Total			
	RRP	LBC	BCP	BMM	LSP	LSP	HLD	PCK	MSP	MSP	CHA	USP	LDC	UDC	YPK	DM	NTC	IH	UBC	KCR	GG	MWB	WCK	MLW		A	B	C
Pied-billed Grebe					2	4					3																	9
Western Grebe					1						1																	2
Great Blue Heron		1	2		1	11	1	2	3	1	3	1																26
Snow Goose					2	1					1																	4
Canada Goose		525	300	955	1950	2800	905	7	78	232	620		210							16		97	795			1324	10815	
Wood Duck					25	1																				13	39	
Green-winged Teal		2	2	35	31	53		3		19	3																148	
Mallard		216	77	72	325	500		66	41	46	48	13										47	16			201	1668	
Northern Pintail					43	40																					83	
Northern Shoveler		200			41	6					12																259	
Gadwall			8	4	10	28		10	5	15	32																112	
American Wigeon		14	2			3					1															23	43	
Redhead										40																	40	
Ring-necked Duck					18	29				10																16	73	
Lesser Scaup					1	23					2																26	
Common Goldeneye		1	6	1	25	58			14	15	58															4	182	
Barrow's Goldeneye						2																					2	
Bufflehead					22	84																				4	110	
Hooded Merganser					18	17		4			6																45	
Common Merganser					160	42		4	1	130	350																687	
Ruddy Duck					2																						2	
Osprey		1																									1	
Bald Eagle	1		2	1	3	2			1	2	3			1						1				1			18	
Northern Harrier										1																1	2	
Sharp-shinned Hawk		1				1				1																	3	
Cooper's Hawk			1																								1	
Red-tailed Hawk																												
Western races	1	2	10	1	6	7	1	4	5	4	3	5	1	1	1	2	1	1		1	1	9	8	1		2	78	
"Harlan's" race		1			2																						3	
Ferruginous Hawk		1	2			1	1	1					1							1			3			1	12	
Rough-legged Hawk			2																			1	2				5	
Buteo species						2																					2	
Golden Eagle	1								1	2		4								1				1			10	
American Kestrel	1	7	8	2	11	4	6	2	1	1	3	1	1						1	4		5	4	1		1	64	
Merlin						1																					1	
Prairie Falcon	1			1	1	1						2															6	
Falcon species											1																1	
Ring-necked Pheasant											4																4	
Blue Grouse																	2									1	3	
Wild Turkey																130					7					2	139	
Virginia Rail								4	5																		9	
American Coot				1	350	10					45															1	407	
Killdeer				1	2	7				1	3																14	
Common Snipe					1				2	3			1							2							9	

SPECIES	1	2	2A	3	4A	4B	5	6	7A	7B	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21		A	B	C
	RRP	LBC	BCP	BMM	LSP	LSP	HLD	PCK	MSP	MSP	CHA	USP	LDC	UDC	YPK	DM	NTC	IH	UBC	KCR	GG	MWB	WCK	MLW				
Ring-billed Gull		73	1	15	110	113					25												11			21		369
California Gull											2																	2
Herring Gull					1	6					45																	52
Thayer's Gull						1					2																	3
Lesser Black-backed Gull											1																	1
Rock Dove	40	112	27	26	30	34	106	1	6		6	15	37			2		2	14	27		44	63	11		63	20	686
Mourning Dove			2																									2
Great Horned Owl						2	1	2	2	3	3		1															14
Northern Pygmy Owl																										3		3
Long-eared Owl											1																	1
Belted Kingfisher		4	4	2	4	8		4	4	4	3	3														2		42
Downy Woodpecker	1	3	1	3	2	1		5	2	2	3	2	1	1	2		2	1	2			3		1		10	13	61
Hairy Woodpecker										1				2	2	1		4				1					7	18
Northern Flicker "Red-shafted" race	4	21	10	13	12	11	4		9	13	3	8	8							4		11	5	7		44	16	215
Horned Lark							61			70	12																	143
Stellar's Jay	2													20	22	5	10	8	7	1	17	6		2		15	37	152
Blue Jay		8		7	2																	1	1			33	1	53
Western Scrub-Jay	20								1			1	21		15			2	20	17	1	45		19		16	28	206
Clark's Nutcracker														2														2
Black-billed Magpie	25	126	42	104	35	88	23	28	58	44	35	25	19	15	2	8	4	10	12	32	5	25	24	29		67	29	915
American Crow	2	38	3	2	6	9	2	41	4	11	2	5	310	5	5	250	115	45	1	132	6	58	72	53		21	79	1277
Common Raven	5		2			1	2	4	8	3	3	15		10	3	4	8	1	2	3		6	2	2		1	9	94
Black-capped Chickadee	12	15	10	4	48	25	10	49	20	113	12	10	9	5	28	5		1	4	11	4	16	2	6		50	53	523
Mountain Chickadee	4	5		4				4	1	4		1	3	55	38	30	20	12	2	4	13	6		13		2	61	282
Rushtit																			20									20
Red-breasted Nuthatch				3	1									7	5	12	3	1	1		1	1		2		4	14	55
White-breasted Nuthatch		1			3	1			1	3					3	2	1	5		3				3			8	34
Pygmy Nuthatch														5	11	20	15	6						3			23	83
Brown Creeper		2			2			1		1	1			3	6	2		3									1	22
Canyon Wren	2								1			1	1	1				2		3								11
Marsh Wren								1																				1
American Dipper	1		1	1					3	2		1							1			1		2				13
Golden-crowned Kinglet															4													4
Ruby-crowned Kinglet								1																				1
Townsend's Solitaire	8	1			1	1				6		2	6	9	21		5	10	7	1	3	7		16			1	105
American Robin	40	59	2	12	25	53		4	1	6	8	3	14	3	49		1	11		10	1	8	4	9		69	9	401
Bohemian Waxwing										1					3													4
Cedar Waxwing		4																										4
Northern Shrike	1					1	1	4			1			1	1		1										1	12
European Starling	6	573	282	95	60	105	153	16	6	12	14	5	8			50	70	3	33	55		105	417	26		305	78	2477
Northern Cardinal																											1	1
Spotted Towhee	2	3		2				1														2		2		4	3	19
American Tree Sparrow			8		2	44	35	21	8	33	20		13							1							1	186

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Song Sparrow	4	8	12	4	3	47		23	31	45	15	6	3					2	1	5							2	211
Swamp Sparrow		1				2																						3
White-throated Sparrow																		1										1
Gldn-crowned Sparrow	1																											1
White-crowned Sparrow		18			3	23			1				1															46
Dark-eyed Junco		22		9				8							3	5						64				69	7	187
"White-winged" race	2								2					2	6		35	3	3	6				5		8	72	
"Slate-colored" race	4	3		2	1	1	2	6	8	2	3		1		2		10	6	5	4		17		3	23	62	165	
"Oregon pink-sided"	22	18	11	5		8	7	14	44	31		4	18	3	29		2	4	20	20	1	13	5	6	32	34	351	
"Gray-headed" race	8												10	32			10	6	11		8	12		32	22	48	199	
Red-winged Blackbird		203	15		100	136	174	44	25	3	16		2					12		2		200	104		17	133	1186	
Western Meadowlark			1				18	1		23	1																	44
Brewer's Blackbird						4																						4
Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch														9			1										100	110
Pine Grosbeak																											1	1
Cassin's Finch	10								1						25	1	5	6			5	15					64	133
House Finch	30	326	80	128	190	146	32	75	30	28	21	15	19		2	5	12	6	9	64		30	156	8	412	132	1965	
Red Crossbill		1		3										10		2	15	8		9							7	55
Pine Siskin														15	2			40		18	5	3			11	63	157	
American Goldfinch		3		4	2	2	34	3	3	12	20		1									1					7	92
Evening Grosbeak	5						31	2		2			7	30	15	30	8	5				5				1	84	225
House Sparrow	8	93	36	68	200	108	17						4					10	5	56		12	31	14	382	127	1171	
TOTAL SPECIES	28	38	33	32	48	54	24	36	36	43	48	24	27	23	24	20	21	29	19	28	15	31	21	24		33	39	101
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	273	2717	972	1560	3894	4720	1628	482	438	1001	1480	148	721	225	338	566	356	237	181	511	81	877	1726	277		3284	1381	30104

UPCOMING DFO FIELD TRIPS

February 1, Saturday (FHM)

Foothills and Mountains

Leader: Warren Finch, 233-3372

Look for turkeys, Blue Grouse and ptarmigan in the foothills and mountains west of Denver.

This trip is limited to four-wheel drive vehicles. If you want to go and do not have a four-wheel drive, contact the leader to see if space is available. Expect winter driving conditions. Full day trip. Bring lunch.

February 2, Sunday (WWA)

Wellington Wildlife Area

Leader: Dick Pratt, 1-303-651-6860

Spend the day looking for Short-eared Owl, Merlin and other raptors. May include Windsor, Ault and Pawnee Grassland. Meet leader at 0800 at east end of north parking lot of the Denver Museum of Natural History in City Park at Colorado Blvd. and Montview. Bring lunch.

February 2, Sunday (RRP)

Red Rocks Park

Leader: Dieter Kamm, 697-9681

Meet leader at 1330 in front of the Trading Post at Red Rocks Park. This trip will not involve driving so come prepared to walk. Dress warmly. We hope to see the Golden-crowned Sparrow and possible rosy-finches.

February 2, Sunday (SPP)

South Platte Park

Leader: Sue Shulman, 773-3540

This trip is for beginning birders only. If you have wanted to get some experience birding in a safe environment, this trip is for you. Meet leader at 0900 in front of Carson Nature Center, north of Mineral Ave., one block west of S. Santa Fe Dr. Trip will conclude at 1200. Lunch optional.

February 2, Sunday (NEC)

Northeast Colorado and Nebraska

Leader: Jackie King, 287-1644

Exact destination of this trip will be determined by the weather. If Lake McConaughy in

Nebraska is frozen over, Bald Eagles by the hundreds congregate there. Leader will check with the ranger and if it is promising we will head there first and bird northeast Colorado on the return home. If the eagles are not at McConaughy, the trip will be spent in northeast Colorado looking for hawks. Expect winter driving conditions. Bring warm clothing and lunch.

February 8, Saturday (RMA)

Rocky Mountain Arsenal

Leader: Ed Holub, 979-2194

Register with leader if going as number of observers is limited. You can expect to see wintering Bald Eagles, other raptors and possibly nesting Great Horned and Long-eared Owls.

February 8, Saturday (FEF)

Feeder Frolic

Leader: Bob Spencer, 279-4682

Meet leader at 0800 west of King Soopers at northeast corner of S. Federal Blvd., and Bellevue Ave. Visit feeders in Littleton, Deer Creek and Turkey Creek. Expect both plains and foothills birds on this popular trip. Bring lunch.

February 9, Sunday (PLR)

Bike-n-Bird the Platte River

Leaders: Bill and Nancy Urquart, 988-5068

Meet leaders at 0830 in front of the restrooms at 88th Ave. and the So. Platte River. Take a leisurely bike ride on the Platte to see what birds are wintering here. Participants must have own bike. Please register with leader in advance. In case of poor trail conditions, participants may be walking instead of biking. Trip will end at 1200. Lunch optional. Good for novice birders and new members.

February 9, Sunday (RFR)

Rambling for Raptors

Leaders: Myron and Suzi Plooster, 494-6708

Meet leaders at 0900 at north parking lot of U.S. Department of Commerce, Boulder Laboratories at 325 Broadway. From US 36, go west at

Baseline Rd. to light at 27th Way. Turn left continuing to Broadway. Cross Broadway and enter lab grounds. The parking lot is on the right. We will ramble through the area north of Boulder looking for wintering raptors. Bring lunch.

February 14, Friday (CAC)

Owling at Castlewood Canyon State Park

Leader: Dan Bridges, 755-7665

Meet leader at 1900 at the west entrance to Castlewood Canyon State Park for an evening of looking and listening for Northern Saw-whet and Long-eared Owls. To reach the entrance of the park from CO 86 go 0.5 miles west from Franktown, then south on Castlewood Canyon Rd. two miles to old entrance. Dress warmly. Bring flashlights.

February 15, Saturday (CAN)

Canyon City Riverwalk

Leader: David Pantle, 719-275-8208

Meet local coordinator, Sherry Chapman, 699-1351, at 0700 at the RTD Park-n-Ride, Arapahoe Rd. and Yosemite St., west of I-25 to carpool. Suzi Plooster, 494-6408, has also offered to help people carpool from the Boulder area. Meet leader at 0930 at his home at 1826 Flora Ct. to bird the Riverwalk area. Eat lunch at leader's home overlooking spectacular scenery. Spend the afternoon driving country roads. Some species to be seen are: Greater White-fronted Goose, Scaled Quail, Harris' Sparrow, Bewick's Wren, Canyon Towhee and Greater Roadrunner. Please register with local coordinator to facilitate carpooling.

February 15, Saturday (CCR)

Cherry Creek Reservoir

Leader: Buzz Schaumberg, 699-1721

Meet leader at 0730 just inside the west gate of the park, east of Cherry Creek High School, east from S. Yosemite St., at Union. Tentatively half day trip. If weather looks good, bring lunch and the trip will continue into the afternoon. State Parks Pass required. This trip is especially good for novice birders and new members.

February 16, Sunday (HAM)

Hamilton Reservoir at the Rawhide Power Plant

Leader: Ron Ryder, 970-482-8089

Meet local coordinator, Joey Kellner, 978-1748 at 0700 at the Division of Wildlife, 6060 N. Broadway to carpool, or meet leader at 0830 at the entrance to Hamilton Reservoir. To reach the Division of Wildlife, exit I-25 at 58th Ave., go west two blocks to Broadway, then north two blocks to parking lot on right. To reach Hamilton Reservoir from I-25 North, take exit 288, north of Fort Collins. Go west three miles to plant on right. Follow signs to visitor's overlook. Morning will be spent at the reservoir looking at the variety of water birds. Leader will probably take the group to other areas in the afternoon. Please register with local coordinator to facilitate carpooling. Bring lunch.

February 22, Saturday (PUE)

Pueblo area

Leader: David Silverman, 719-489-3565

Meet local coordinator, Sherry Chapman, 699-1351 at 0700 at the RTD Park-n-Ride at Yosemite St. and Arapahoe Rd., west of I-25 to carpool. Meet leader at 0900 at north side of K-Mart Caboose at the corner of Elizabeth and US 50 just west of I-25. Expect winter driving conditions. Please register with local coordinator to facilitate carpooling. Bring lunch.

February 23, Sunday (CSW)

Colorado Springs State Wildlife Area and Hanna Ranch

Leader: David LaLiberte, 297-2504

Meet leader at 0700 at the Denver Museum of Natural History at the east end of the north parking lot. The wildlife area is south of Colorado Springs. Be prepared for winter driving conditions. Bring lunch. This trip is especially good for novice birders and new members.

A Field Trip Scheduler's note: Please take note that there are some trips scheduled for February that begin at uncommon times. The February 2 trip scheduled to Red Rocks Park starts at 1:30 p.m. and the February 14 trip to Castlewood

Canyon starts at 7:00 p.m. There are also some experimental trips, one on bikes and a beginners only trip. Some trips are more daring than others, one requires the use of a four-wheel drive vehicles. If you like the idea but cannot attend for some reason please give me a call at 287-1644 and let me know so that I can plan more of this kind of trip. Remember that field trip schedulers are always looking for new ideas for field trips. Are there trips you want to see us plan? Are we planning the right kind of trips. Do you want to lead a trip but are never called on? Let us know. *Jackie King*

FIELD TRIP GUIDELINES

The following guidelines should be followed when participating in a DFO Field Trip:

Call the Colorado Rare Bird Alert before going on a field trip to determine if there have been any cancellations or changes in schedule.

Carpool if possible so the leader will have fewer cars to keep track of and get parked at stops. Carpooling also saves gasoline and reduces air pollution. Stay reasonably close to the group whether en route or on foot.

Do not leave the group without notifying the leader. Everyone is expected to share in the mileage expenses on scheduled DFO field trips. The suggested share is 10 cents per mile divided by the number of people in the car including the driver.

Accommodations can usually be made for persons with disabilities. Contact Jackie King, 303-287-1644.

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DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS - Membership Information

WELCOME TO THE DFO

PURPOSE: The prime objective of the club is to promote interest in the study and preservation of birds and their habitats. Members are encouraged to learn about birds in the field, noting species and numbers, while learning about their songs and calls, as well as habits and habitats.

REGULAR MEETINGS: The general meetings are held each month (except June, July, August, and December) at 7:30 PM at the Denver Museum of Natural History. Dates and subjects of the meetings are reported on the Colorado Rare Bird Alert (424-2144) and in the *Lark Bunting*. The meetings are open to the public without charge.

FIELD TRIPS: These are scheduled for almost every Saturday and Sunday throughout the year to a variety of habitats near Denver. Occasionally special trips are arranged to good birding areas in other parts of Colorado and surrounding states. Usually it is necessary to bring a lunch, and to wear sturdy hiking shoes or boots. Carpooling is encouraged to get the most from bird watching, as well as to save time and energy. Carpooling cost is 10 cents per mile divided by the number of people in the car including the driver.

BULLETIN: A monthly bulletin, the *Lark Bunting*, is issued to all members, listing field trips scheduled. A complete list of bird seen on the previous month's trips is given in checklist order as are interesting sightings reported by members.

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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING ON THE FIRST WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER THROUGH MAY, EXCEPT FOR DECEMBER, AT 7:30 PM, DENVER MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, RICKETSON AUDITORIUM

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Program: "Raptors - Photography for a Field Guide"

Speaker: Brian Wheeler, co-author of "A Photographic Guide to North American Raptors" and "The Peterson Field Guide to Hawks of North America"

NOTE: Please call the Colorado Rare Bird Alert for special DFO Meeting announcements or cancellations

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FIELD TRIP SUMMARY JANUARY 1997

January 4, Saturday (CCR)

Cherry Creek Reservoir

Leader: Peter Lowen

0830-1300. 5.0 miles by car, 2.0 miles on foot.

Clear, wind variable 5-30 mph, 34-38°F.

Observers: Dan Brachear, Warren Finch, Karen Hyde, Ellen Jacobson, Bob Spencer.

27 species, 781 individuals.

January 5, Sunday (BOU)

Boulder area to include Valmont Reservoirs,

Walden Ponds, Boulder Creek at 75th St.

Leader: Bob Jickling

0830-1330. 3.5 miles by car, 2.5 miles on foot.

Partly cloudy, wind southeast 10 mph, 18-28°F.

Observers: George Armbrust, Anne Downing, Don Ice, Steve Litz, Gary Matthews, Myron Plooster, Dick Schottler, Bob Spencer, Helga Sproul, Joy Sproul, Mort Staatz, Will Styler, John Tumasonis, David Waltman, Maxine Wendler.

43 species, 5,151 individuals.

January 11, Saturday (CAC)

Castlewood Canyon State Park and Parker

Sewage Pond

Leader: Gail Evans

0830-1200. 5.5 miles by car, 2.0 miles on foot.

Overcast, light snow, wind west 0-1 mph,

-6 to -1°F.

Observers: Carolyn Cooley, Dennis Downing.

20 species, 407 individuals.

January 12, Sunday (CSP)

Chatfield State Park

Canceled due inclement weather.

January 18, Saturday (SPR)

South Platte River and Adams County to include

Riverside Cemetery to Vets Park

Leader: David Laliberte

0845-1530. 53 miles by car, 3.0 miles on foot.

Cloudy, snow cover 1-3 inches, calm, 42-52°F.

Observers: George Armbrust, Gail Evans, Ed Holub, Don Ice, Ann Lee, David Quesenberry,

Sue Schulman, Mort Staatz.

46 species, 2,316 individuals.

THE LARK BUNTING

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The Denver Field Ornithologists was organized as the Colorado Bird Club in 1935, and membership is open to anyone interested in the birds of the Denver area in particular, and the birds of Colorado in general. The DFO presents monthly evening programs (except in the summer) and conducts about 100 field trips annually.

Regular individual or family membership is \$15.00 per year. Senior citizen (age 65 or older) is \$12.00 per year. Student (age 18 or younger) membership is \$5.00 per year. Applications for membership should be sent to the Treasurer (see address below). A membership application form is usually attached to the back of the *Lark Bunting*.

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January 19, Sunday (RRP)

*Red Rocks, Bear Creek Lake, Lair o' the Bear
Parks, and Morrison*

Leader: Norm Lewis

0830-1530. 35 miles by car, 3.0 miles on foot.

Partly cloudy to clear, wind 0-5 mph, 30-60°F.

Observers: George Armbrust, Glenda Dwyer,
Terry Dwyer, Myriam Friggens, Mookie
McKim, David Quesenberry, Karleen Schofield,
Mort Staatz, Will Styler, Amy Young, Debbie
Westbrook. 32 species, 441 individuals.

January 25, Saturday (NEC)

*Northeastern Colorado for raptors. Denver to
Hudson, Bijou Reservoir, Muir Springs Park,
Canfield Park, Bijou Creek, Jackson Lake State
Park, Orchard, Masters, Riverside Reservoir*

Leader: Jack Reddall

0700-1630. 209 miles by car, 1.0 miles on foot.

Mostly cloudy to overcast, 2-6 inches snow
cover, ponds and reservoirs frozen, wind
northeast 10-20 mph, 15-20°F.

Observers: George Armbrust, Bob Bierling,
Nancy Bierling, Linda Dwyer, Terry Dwyer,
Carol Fredericks, Myriam Friggens, Greg
Goodrich, Alan Hay, Dee Hay, Don Ice, Janet
MacPherson, Richard Mendez, Chris Olson, Tim
Schowalter, Mort Staatz.
42 species, 3,895 individuals.

January 26, Sunday (WRG)

Wheat Ridge Greenbelt

Leader: Ruth Breckon

0830-1130. Zero miles by car, 2.0 miles on foot.

Overcast, wind northwest 5-10 mph, 43-54°F.

Observers: Chris Blakeslee, Dan Brachear, Bob
Ford, Myriam Friggens, Joe Kamby, Norma
Kamby, Ann Lee, Dave Quesenberry, Peter
Spanberger, Helen Standish.
38 species, 858 individuals.

TUESDAY BIRDERS

January 7, Tuesday (CHA)

Chatfield Arboretum

Leader: Else Van Erp. 23 observers.

0900-1200. Zero miles by car, 2.0 miles on foot.

Clear, calm, 23-37°F.

20 species, 366 individuals.

January 14, Tuesday**(CRH)***Crown Hill and Belmar Parks*

Leaders: Alice Kruse and Ann Bonnell

20 observers.

0900-1200. Zero miles by car, 2.0 miles on foot.

Mostly cloudy, calm, 15-22°F.

23 species, 761 individuals.

January 21, Tuesday**(RRP)***Red Rocks, Morrison, Lair o' the Bear Parks*

Leader: Ann Bonnell. 26 observers.

0900-1200. 5 miles by car, 1.0 miles on foot.

Sunny, wind west 20 mph, 45°F.

17 species, 488 individuals.

January 28, Tuesday**(CCR)***Cherry Creek Reservoir*

Leader: Ann Bonnell. 14 observers.

0900-1300. 4 miles by car, 1.0 miles on foot.

Partly cloudy to mostly cloudy, wind south

3 mph, 40°F.

34 species, 883 individuals.

Monna Krebs compiler

SPECIES	4	5	11	18	19	25	26	7	14	21	28
	CCR	BOU	CAC	SPR	RRP	NEC	WRG	CHA	CRH	RRP	CCR
Pied-billed Grebe		17									
Horned Grebe		8									
Western Grebe		9									
Double-crested Cormorant		5									
Great Blue Heron		9		2		1					
Snow Goose									1i		
Ross' Goose									1		
Canada Goose	350	4000	250	291	100	750	390	240	460		233
Green-winged Teal	100	8	8	50			2		1		84
Mallard	30	450	2	81	1	20	52		77		52
Northern Pintail		6		105					1		
Northern Shoveler		32	4	219			13		30		
Gadwall	2	15		121		3	7				
American Wigeon		75		24			12				
Canvasback		3		3			2				
Redhead	1	45					14				
Ring-necked Duck		35	8	420			5				
Greater Scaup							1				
Lesser Scaup		26		10		1m	37				
Common Goldeneye	1	29	13	114		2m	8		3		1
Barrow's Goldeneye				1							
Bufflehead		2		30							
Hooded Merganser		20		9							
Common Merganser	50	28		72		2	17				107
Red-breasted Merganser		5									
Bald Eagle	1	1a1i		8		6a1i		1			1a1i
Northern Harrier	3					3					1
Sharp-shinned Hawk		1			1						1
Red-tailed Hawk	1a1i		1	15			1		2		4
Western races		2	1		6	5					1
*Kriders' race											1
Ferruginous Hawk		3		4	1	1					1
Rough-legged Hawk			1	1		5					1
Buteo species				2				4			
Golden Eagle		1			1	2a				2	
American Kestrel			3	7	2	6		1	2		2
Merlin				1							
Peregrine Falcon				1							

SPECIES	4 CCR	5 BOU	11 CAC	18 SPR	19 RRP	25 NEC	26 WRG	7 CHA	14 CRH	21 RRP	28 CCR
Prairie Falcon						3		1	1		
Ring-necked Pheasant	2,1h					2m2f					4f
Virginia Rail											1
Sora											2
American Coot	70	75		13		5	15		3		40
Killdeer				1		3					2
Common Snipe				4		45					1
Ring-billed Gull	44	18	3	191	3		127		38		57
Herring Gull	2			4			1				
Rock Dove		6		106	40	10	7		8	12	2
Great Horned Owl						6		1m1f			
Belted Kingfisher		2		3			1				1
Downy Woodpecker "Rocky Mountain" race Eastern races				2	1	1m	5	1			
Northern Flicker "Red-shafted" race	5	1		5	5	3	9	1	5	1	2
Horned Lark				20		1000					
Stellar's Jay					2						
Blue Jay						3	1				
Western Scrub-Jay			3		12			2		12	
Black-billed Magpie	48	7	4	32	11	25	27	9	6		11
American Crow	3	2		15	3	200	9	22	6		1
Common Raven		3	1		4					1	
Black-capped Chickadee	2	4	6	3	11	3	12	20		4	5
Mountain Chickadee			4		2						
White-breasted Nuthatch			2		4		8				
Brown Creeper					1		3				
American Dipper					4		1			4	
Ruby-crowned Kinglet							1				
Townsend's Solitaire			5		2	3	1			2	
American Robin	1	28		11	1	60	2	2	1	1	60
Bohemian Waxwing		150	32								
Northern Shrike				2			1				
European Starling	1	5		88		450	15	6	27		4
Spotted Towhee					2	2m				2	
American Tree Sparrow	3	4			2	1		1			23
Song Sparrow	2	2		6	2	6	1	9	1		6
Golden-crowned Sparrow					1					2	
White-crowned Sparrow "Gambel's" race	1i			30		1					
Dark-eyed Junco "White-winged" race "Slate-colored" race "Oregon" race "Pink-sided" race "Gray-headed" race			8 6 7 9 1	4 2 2	25			7 1 2			6
Red-winged Blackbird	25	5		75		800	25	1	45		118
Western Meadowlark						8					2
Brewer's Blackbird				10		70					
Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch "Hepburn's" Race					150					320 80	
Black Rosy-Finch					1					1	
House Finch	6			64	30	100	5	23	40	12	2
Red Crossbill			25								
American Goldfinch		1				10	6				
House Sparrow	24	2		32	10	250	14	10	2	12	43
TOTAL SPECIES	27	43	20	46	32	42	38	20	23	17	34
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	781	5151	407	2316	441	3895	858	366	761	488	883

DENVER URBAN CHRISTMAS COUNT - January 1, 1997*Compiled and submitted by Hugh Kingery.***Areas Covered:**

Code	Area	Leaders
SPSo	South Platte South	Harold and Betty Oliver
SPNo	South Platte North	Duane Nelson
RMA	Rocky Mountain Arsenal	Urling Kingery
Mntb	Commerce City and Montbello	Jackie King
Aurora	Sand Creek, Tollgate Creek, Aurora	Randy Lentz
CCRes	Cherry Creek Reservoir	Patty Echelmeyer
Bckly	Buckley Field	Ron Beane
Creek	Cherry Creek Dam to University Blvd.	Juliene Pimental
Fmmt	Fairmont Cemetery and Lowry Field	Ann Bonnell
S.Hmp	South of Hampden, Kent School, Highline	Lynn Willcockson
N.Hmp	North of Hampden, Wellshire GC	Walt Hackney
Zoo	Denver Zoo	Mary Patterson
PkHl	Park Hill, City Park, Congress Park	Sherry Chapman
DCC/Ck	Cherry Creek, University Blvd to Confluence	
	Denver CC, Cheesman, Botanic Gardens	Mary Gray
Fdrs	Feeders	Jeane Hageman

0645-1630. 80 observers. 257 miles by car, 67.0 miles on foot. Partly cloudy in morning, cloudy in afternoon, calm, 85 species, 36,567 individuals.

Good weather helped the Denver Urban Count tally the highest number of species in its nine year history, 85, and a record high count of individuals for 14 species versus only two record lows. We also had 34 species with counts fairly high above average and only 12 way below average. The total number of individuals was 3,300 above the average of 33,171, but only 4th highest.

We had four new species: Northern Cardinal, Peregrine Falcon, Barn Owl and Red Crossbill. The crossbills reflect a pattern in Denver this fall of the descent of foothill and mountain birds which also includes Red-breasted Nuthatches and Mountain Chickadees.

Most common birds on the count:

Canada Goose*	12,022	Black-billed Magpie*	997
European Starling**	7,163	Ring-billed Gull x	855
Mallard*	2,501	American Crow**	672
House Sparrow*	2,456	Red-winged Blackbird*	568
House Finch*	2,249	Gadwall*	490
Rock Dove x	1,661	American Robin*	395
Northern Shoveler*	1,349	Green-winged Teal	267
		Northern Flicker**	250

*= above average, **= record high count, x= below average

The top six species totaled 25,552 individuals and 70% of the birds we saw. Human endeavors have helped all six of them achieve high populations.

As usual the South Platte areas counted the highest number of species, and the most individuals. Except for the zoo, where Mary Patterson counted 3,000 European Starlings and 400 House Sparrows. Walt Hackney saw a Yellow-rumped Warbler along Cherry Creek, but did not find his traditional Yellow-bellied Sapsucker. Sherry Chapman and Jim Norton took the Park Hill/City Park area at the last moment and saw the count's only Cedar Waxwings.

URBAN DENVER CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT																
Jan. 1 1997	TOTALS	SPNo	SPNo	RMA	Mnch	Aswora	CCRes	Bckly	Creek	Fmst	S/Hmp	N/Hmp	Zoo	PkHl	DCC	Fdr
# SPECIES		36	48	47	30	29	44	17	28	33	32	24	20	27	32	
TOTAL	36567	5415	3104	1855	2039	2212	2330	613	1008	2970	794	1348	6009	1522	1661	3687
Pied-bld Grebe	1	1														
Great Blue Heron	4	1	1				1			1						
Bl-cr Night Heron	10	8							2							
White-fronted Goose	1									1						
Snow Goose	2					2										
Canada Goose	12022	2926	350	364	370	980	1200	353	271	2000	560	118	900	627	356	647
Wood Duck	38		1								8		25			4
Grn-wg Teal	267	95	75	8		22			6	25	5				31	
Mallard	2501	246	100	16	10	106	85		119	87	18	2	1200	108	274	130
Pintail	56	4	38	2					1				10	1		
Shoveler	1349	909	110						6	12			4		306	2
Gadwall	490	283	140	13			1				2				51	
Am. Wigeon	236	19	70	13		70			4	1			8		7	44
Canvasback	11		11													
Redhead	22		2	15			3						2			
Ring-neck Duck	173	16	77	66							14					
Lesser Scaup	12		12													
Com. Goldeneye	242	99	60	6		4				4	3		3	4	53	6
Barrow's Goldeneye	1		1													
Bufflehead	10	5	1				3									1
Hooded Merganser	55	36	9												10	
Com. Merganser	123	6	28	5			63							21		
Bald Eagle	30			21	6		1	1			1					
Adult	[16]			[8]	[5]		[1]	[1]			[1]					
Immature	[13]			[12]	[1]											
Northern Harrier	8			2			3	2		1						
Sharp-shin Hawk	13					1			1			2		1	2	6
Cooper's Hawk	3	1					1								1	
Red-tailed Hawk	39	1	3	8	9	3	5	1	1	2	3				1	2
Ferruginous Hawk	12			4	2	1	1	4								
Rgh-legged Hawk	7			3	2		1	1								
Buteo (sp.)	4			3				1								
Golden Eagle	2			1	1											
Am. Kestrel	30	1	4	3	3	1	3	3	5	5		2				
Merlin	3			1					1			1				
Prairie Falcon	2		1	1												
Peregrine Falcon	1		1													
R-N Pheasant	7			4			3									
Virginia Rail	14						12				2					
Am. Coot	109	4	10	6		1	73			1	2				12	
Killdeer	23	6	12	1			2		1						1	
Com. Snipe	5		1			2				2						
Ring-billed Gull	855	195	170	11	1	18	19		78	147		11	50	85	65	5
California Gull	1									1						
Herring Gull	7		3				3							1		
Gull (sp.)	8													8		
Rock Dove	1661	278	45	11	285	135	3	84	128	141	4	35	180	102	150	80
Mourning Dove	19		19													
Barn-Owl	1			1												
E. Screech-owl	1															1
Great Horned Owl	21			12	1		3	2								3
Long-eared Owl	4			2			2									
Belt. Kingfisher	26	9	4	1		3	1		5		1				1	1
Downy Woodpecker	23		2	1	1	3					1	1		1	4	9
Hairy Woodpecker	2			2												
N. Flicker	250	3	5	20	14	5	25		19	18	7	24	4	26	24	56
Horned Lark	45			42				3								
Blue Jay	42	1		2	2				1		4	5		1		26

Maggie	997	14	30	229	100	105	77	57	23	121	27	27	32	31	29	95
Crow	672	29	20	1	10		5		116	19	8	36	30	72	54	272
Bl-cap Chickadee	231	7	7	14	3	5	37		8	17	6	34	5	3	14	71
Mtn. Chickadee	22		3		2					6				5	3	3
Bushtit	1															1
Reb-br Nuthatch	32									15				5	3	9
White-br Nuthatch	2					1						1				
Brown Creeper	18									3		3	1	2	4	5
Marsh Wren	1						1									
Ruby-cr Kinglet	1														1	
Townsend's Solitaire	20	1		2	2					3	2	1		1	2	6
Am. Robin	395	2	4	5	27	31	35		13	13	11	30		71	35	118
Cedar Waxwing	13													13		
N. Shrike	2		1				1									
Starling	7163	90	1500	490	445	342	95	35	125	103	18	319	3000	156	86	359
Yel-rump Warbler	1								1							
N. Cardinal	1										1					
Rufous-sided Towhee	1										1					
Am. Tree Sparrow	77	1	7	9	5	26	21	3	2		3					
Song Sparrow	77	5	20	17	1	4	14	4		3	7	1			1	
White-cr Sparrow	36		4	4	8		2			15	3					
Dark-eyed Junco	52			17	13		1						15	6		
White-winged	14			11	1							1		1		
Slate-colored	53		2	3	26	5			2	6		2				7
Oregon	166	4	4	25	54	8				20	9	11		2		29
Pink-sided	104		1	49	24	15			2			5				8
Gray-headed	5				2		1					1				1
Red-wg. Blackbird	568		9	88	11	105	270	9	2	53	11	3				7
W. Meadowlark	63			6	13	36	6	2								
Brewers Blackbird	65		65													
Common Grackle	1														1	
House Finch	2249	26	30	212	200	92	212	48	59	32	37	315	140	52	47	747
Red Crossbill	37									28	9					
Pine Siskin	35						5									30
Am. Goldfinch	32		6		10		8					1		1		6
House Sparrow	2456	83	25	2	375	80	22		6	64	6	356	400	115	32	890

ADDITIONAL REPORTS - JANUARY 1997

SPECIES	Date	Count	Location	County	Observers
Common Loon	1/1-29	up to 6	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, mo
Horned Grebe	1/1-22	1-2	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, mo
Eared Grebe	1/19	5	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Clark's Grebe	1/2,4	1	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, mo
Double-crested Cormorant	1/1-31	up to 6	Pueblo Reservoir and Valco Ponds	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, mo
Trumpeter Swan	1/1-25	3	John Martin Marsh	Bent	Dan Bridges
	1/26	3	John Martin Marsh, east of Rd. 16	Bent	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
	1/31	1	95th St., north of Valmont	Boulder	J.B. Hayes
Mute Swan (not banded, free flying)	1/4-25	1a	Pueblo Reservoir and Valco Ponds	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, David Ely, mo
Greater White-fronted Goose	1/2	1a2i	S. Platte River, north of Dartmouth	Arapahoe	J.B. Hayes
	1/4	12	Valco Ponds, Canon City	Fremont	Brandon Percival, David Ely
	1/31	1a	Walden Ponds	Boulder	J.B. Hayes
	1/31	11	Riverside Park, Ft. Morgan	Morgan	Dan Bridges
Snow Goose	1/3	1i	Pueblo City Park	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, Van Truan, Jolan Truan
"Blue" morph	1/20	1a	McLellan Reservoir	Arapahoe	J.B. Hayes
Ross' Goose	1/3	1	Big Johnson Reservoir	El Paso	Bob Goycoolea
	1/12	1	Lake Meredith	Crowley	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
Eurasian Wigeon	1/5	1m	Edora Park, Ft. Collins	Larimer	Dan Bridges
Greater Scaup	1/6, 14	1m	Prospect Park, Wheat Ridge	Jefferson	J.B. Hayes
	1/13, 25	1m	Along Arkansas River at Valco Ponds	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, mo
Oldsquaw	1/31	1wm, 1wf	88th Ave. and S. Platte River	Adams	J.B. Hayes
Barrow's Goldeneye	1/1-29	up to 1am, 2lm, 2f	Valco Ponds	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, mo
	1/17	1m	78th Ave. and S. Platte River	Adams	J.B. Hayes
Osprey	1/13	1	14155 W. 54th Ave.	Jefferson	Diana Mullineaux, Don Mullineaux
Northern Goshawk	1/6	1a	Green Mountain Falls	El Paso	Richard Bunn
	1/13	2	14155 W. 54th Ave.	Jefferson	Diana Mullineaux, Don Mullineaux
	1/18	1a	Bear Creek Nature Center	El Paso	Richard Bunn
	1/23	1a	Booth Mountain	Pueblo	Richard Bunn
Merlin	1/4	2	Sand Draw SWA	Sedgwick	Dan Bridges
Peregrine Falcon	1/30	1a	Myron Stratton Home	El Paso	Richard Bunn
Gyrfalcon (dark phase)	1/10	1	Intersection of Rds. 133 and 120	Weld	Dan Bridges
Mew Gull	1/12	1wa	Pueblo City Park Pond	Pueblo	Mark Janos, Vicki Janos
Thayer's Gull	1/1-31	up to 1wa, 5fw	Pueblo Reservoir and Valco Ponds	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, mo
	1/6	1fw	Sloan Lake	Denver	J.B. Hayes
	1/17	1a	Big Johnson Reservoir	El Paso	Richard Bunn
	1/20	4fw	McLellan Reservoir	Arapahoe	J.B. Hayes
Lesser Black-backed Gull	1/3	1wa	Sloan Lake	Denver	Patty Echelmeyer, Diana Mullineaux, Don Mullineaux, Dick Schottler
	1/6-13	1sw	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, Chris Wood, Joey Kellner, mo
	1/9-10	2fw	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
	1/20	1wa	McLellan Reservoir	Arapahoe	J.B. Hayes
Glaucous-winged Gull	1/22-31	1fw	Pueblo Reservoir and Valco Ponds	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, mo
Glaucous Gull	1/1-3	1fw	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, mo
	1/17-28	1fw	Pueblo Reservoir and Valco Ponds	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, mo

SPECIES	Date	Count	Location	County	Observers
Great Black-backed Gull	1/1-31	1aw	Pueblo Reservoir and Valco Ponds	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, mo
Band-tailed Pigeon	1/1-31	1-11	Green Mountain Falls	El Paso	Richard Bunn
Eurasian Collared-Dove	1/12	10	Rocky Ford	Otero	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
	1/25	2	Rocky Ford	Otero	Dan Bridges
Northern Pygmy-Owl	1/1	1	Severy Creek	El Paso	Richard Bunn
Long-eared Owl	1/3	4	Pond on south side of Bonny Reservoir	Yuma	Dan Bridges
Short-eared Owl	1/12	1	Wellington SWA	Larimer	Dan Bridges
Northern Saw-whet Owl	1/23	1d	CO 115 mile marker 42	El Paso	Richard Bunn
	1/28	1d	CO 115 mile marker 38	El Paso	Richard Bunn
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	1/16	1	Pueblo City Park	Pueblo	Dan Bridges
Ladder-backed Woodpecker	1/23	2	Booth Mountain	Pueblo	Richard Bunn
Bushtit	1/16	2	Lamar Community College Woods	Prowers	Dan Bridges
Brown Thrasher	1/12	1	Rocky Ford SWA	Otero	Brandon Percival
Curve-billed Thrasher	1/4-29	1	Harmony Drive, Pueblo West	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, David Ely, mo
	1/12	1	Road FF, east of Rocky Ford SWA	Otero	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
Bohemian Waxwing	1/1-8	40-105	Green Mountain Falls	El Paso	Richard Bunn
	1/5	30	North of Ward	Boulder	Dan Bridges
	1/15	40	Front Range Rd. near Prince St.	Arapahoe	J.B. Hayes
	1/26	15	O'Fallon Park, Kittredge	Jefferson	J.B. Hayes
Yellow-rumped Warbler	1/6	1	Pueblo City Park	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, Chris Wood, Joey Kellner
Swamp Sparrow	1/6	1	Valco Ponds, along CO 96	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, Chris Wood, Joey Kellner
	1/26	6	John Martin Marsh, east of Rd. 16	Bent	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
White-throated Sparrow	1/1-31	1	14155 W. 54th Ave.	Jefferson	Diana Mullineaux, Don Mullineaux
	1/12-19	1j	4400 Bow Mar Dr., Littleton	Jefferson	Tina Jones
	1/26	1	Rocky Ford SWA	Otero	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
Golden-crowned Sparrow	1/6, 14	1i	Red Rocks Trading Post	Jefferson	J.B. Hayes
	1/11	2	Red Rocks Trading Post	Jefferson	Bob Brown, Lea Ann Brown
Harris' Sparrow	1/1-31	1	14155 W. 54th Ave.	Jefferson	Diana Mullineaux, Don Mullineaux
Lapland Longspur	1/12	4	CO 266 west of Lake Cheraw	Otero	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
Great-tailed Grackle	1/12	4	CO 96 east of Boone	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
Brown-headed Cowbird	1/12	1f	CO 266 west of Lake Cheraw	Otero	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch	1/6, 14	5	Red Rocks Trading Post	Jefferson	J.B. Hayes
	1/1-31	30-175	Green Mountain Falls	El Paso	Richard Bunn
Hepburn's race	1/1-31	3	Green Mountain Falls	El Paso	Richard Bunn
Black Rosy-Finch	1/1-12	1-5	Green Mountain Falls	El Paso	Richard Bunn
	1/6	1f	Red Rocks Trading Post	Jefferson	J.B. Hayes
	1/10	75	Intersection of Rds. 133 and 120	Weld	Dan Bridges
	1/11	2	Red Rocks Trading Post	Jefferson	Bob Brown, Lea Ann Brown
Brown-capped Rosy-Finch	1/1-31	10-60	Green Mountain Falls	El Paso	Richard Bunn
Purple Finch	1/15	1f	Cholla patch Mile 24, CO 109	Las Animas	Dan Bridges
Red Crossbill	1/1-31	22-30	4400 Bow Mar Dr., Littleton	Jefferson	Tina Jones
	1/16	7	One half mile below Two Buttes Dam	Baca	Dan Bridges
	1/27	20	Green Mountain	Jefferson	Bill Henricks, Jewell Henricks
Common Redpoll	1/30	1f	Pawnee National Grassland, Briggsdale Work Center	Weld	David Laliberte, Gail Evans, Jim Fredlund, Duane Weber
Lesser Goldfinch	1/4	2m	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, David Ely

a = adult, sba = sub-adult, m = male, f = female, fp = female plumage (could be immature), j = juvenile, i = immature, d = dead, fym = first year male, fw = first winter, br = breeding plumage, nb = near breeding plumage, b = banded, w = winter plumage, n = nesting, c = calling, s = singing, h = heard, (F) = form submitted

SPECIAL NOTES TO JANUARY ADDITIONAL SIGHTINGS:

The flock of 70 Black Rosy-Finches reported by Dan Bridges was made up of only Blacks and was 70 miles east of the foothills. Bridges observed the Gyrfalcon chasing this flock of Rosy-Finches.

Brandon Percival set a personal record and finished the month of January with an astounding 111 species in Colorado.

SPEAKER FUND INITIATED

As many of you are aware, DFO is currently operating on a very tight budget. Costs of running the organization have increased, while membership and dues have remained static. At the same time we have occasionally been presented with the opportunity to host national caliber speakers, but these speakers frequently require a fee. In a continuing effort to hold down costs and avoid dues increases, I would like to ask the membership for help in paying these fees when we have the opportunity to bring in such a speaker. Anyone wishing to contribute (any amount will help, no matter how modest) can send a check to the Treasurer earmarked "Speaker Fund". If anyone has any input on this issue, I would welcome a call.

Norm Lewis, President

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Comanche and Cimarron National Grasslands:

Up to nine volunteers are needed for ongoing raptor and mammal research projects at Comanche and Cimarron National Grasslands. Duties include locating and monitoring raptor nests, assisting with raptor banding efforts, surveying ground squirrel, lagomorph and small mammal populations and transferring data to GIS database. Applicants with reliable transportation preferred. Travel at field locations will be reimbursed at 28 cents per mile.

Equipment and training will be provided. We are seeking motivated individuals at all experience levels, but easy going, flexible personality a must. Field sessions are April 16-25, June 9-18, July 21-30. Applicants are expected to make commitment to work at least one entire session. To apply, send letter of interest stating qualifications to Dr. Charles R. Preston, Department of Zoology, Denver Museum of Natural History, 2001 Colorado Blvd., Denver, CO 80205. For more information contact Dr. Preston by e-mail at cpreston@dmnh.org, or by phone at 370-6443. Positions will be filled as we identify qualified candidates, so please apply as soon as possible.

Dinosaur Ridge Raptor Migration Station:

The Dinosaur Ridge Raptor Migration Station is looking for volunteers to assist in the collection of data regarding migratory birds of prey. Duties include raptor identification, public relations, filling out data sheets and performing environmental interpretation for school groups. We are seeking motivated individuals at all experience levels. Training is provided. The field session runs from March 1 through May 1. Applicants are expected to contribute a total of at least 40 hours of service to the project during the 1997 field season. To apply send a letter of interest stating qualifications to Frank J. Hein, Department of Zoology, Denver Museum of Natural History, 2001 Colorado Blvd., Denver, CO 80205. For more information contact Frank by e-mail at fhein@du.edu or by telephone at 370-8387. Positions will be filled as we identify qualified candidates, so please apply early.

DOWNING NAMED REPRESENTATIVE TO PARTNERS IN FLIGHT

Dennis Downing has agreed to serve as the DFO representative to the Colorado Partners in Flight. Previous representatives were David Pantle 1992-1994 and Diana Mullineaux 1994-1996. The mission of the group is to promote and enhance conservation and management efforts for Colorado birds. It is a broad coalition of individuals, non-governmental organizations of

state, federal and local agencies who meet three or four times a year to share information, exchange ideas, and discuss proposals and coordinate state-wide monitoring efforts. They also facilitate International Migratory Bird Day. A number of other DFO members attend these meetings representing other groups and agencies, finding this to be a way to stay informed, and work together, on bird conservation efforts through the state.

DENVER AUDUBON SOCIETY CLASS

Denver Audubon Society presents *Longspurs, Mountain Plovers, Bluebirds, Rails and Ibis: Early Migrants*.

The classroom session covers early territorial and courtship behaviors of birds. A field trip will visit Pawnee National Grassland to look for

McCown's and Chestnut-collared Longspurs, Mountain Plover, Swainson Hawk and Golden Eagle. The group will identify any shorebirds seen. A second field trip will visit a bluebird box trail to observe early territorial behaviors. During this trip participants will visit a heron rookery to observe the courtship dance of Western Grebes. Shorebird identification is emphasized in class and in the field. Actual collected birds nests will be viewed.

Classroom session is April 17 at 7:00 p.m. at the Denver Audubon office. Field trips are April 20 and April 27. The fees are \$40 for Denver Audubon Society Members and \$50 for non-members. The instructor is Tina Jones. Call Denver Audubon Society to register at 696-0877 or Call Tina at 794-2647.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Gary Conover	305 Old Broadmoor Rd., Colorado Springs, 80906	-----
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JANUARY CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE COLORADO RARE BIRD ALERT

Kitty Albee, William Biggs, Mary Jane Black, Edward and Susan Bowditch, Dan and Renee Brachear, Dan Bridges, Arthur and Josephine Butler, Ron Carter, Ila Clark, Jane Clark, Doris Cruze, Tom and Ginny Faxon, Warren Finch, Lois Foreman, Kathleen Gibson, Allan Hahn, Donald Hall, J.B. Hayes, Mona Hill, Barb Holme, Helen Hoyt, Tina Jones, Barbara Jubrias, Ronald Lestina, Cindy Lippincott, Bobbie Lohr, Betty Marsland, Richard Maxfield, John McDonald, Judy and Bob Miller, John and Barbara Morrison, Peter Mulholland, Don and Diana Mullineaux, James Norton, Ric Olson, David and Sherrill Pantle, Barney and Pat Poole, Sally Plummer, Ira Sanders, Karleen and Jim Schofield, Anne Southcott, Mort Staatz, Helen Standish, William and Nancy Urquhart, Linda Vidal, Carley Warren, Lynn and Liz Willcockson.

JANUARY CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENT FUND

Ursula Barsch, Virginia Bleck, Dan and Renee Brachear, Arthur and Josephine Butler, Mae Criley, Doris Cruze, Tom and Ginny Faxon, Warren Finch, Kathy Hawkins, Bill Henrichs, Catherine Hurlbutt, Barbara Jubrias, Peter Mulholland, Vivian Pliler, Sally Plummer, Don and Jo Shrode, Frances Sperl, James White, Wild Birds Unlimited, Chris Wood.

UPCOMING DFO FIELD TRIPS

March 1, Saturday (NDL)

Northwest Denver Area Lakes

Leader: Ruth Breckon, 403-4513

Meet leader at 0800 at the southeast corner of W. 23rd Ave. and N. Sheridan Blvd. (northwest side of Sloan Lake). This trip will visit the lakes and ponds of northwest Denver including Sloan Lake and numerous gravel ponds. This trip will include very little walking. Half day trip, lunch optional. Good for novice and new members.

March 2, Sunday (RRP)

Red Rocks Park and other foothill areas

Leader: Dave Quesenberry, 796-7603

Meet leader at 0800 at the Trading Post parking lot at Red Rocks Park. The trip will include approximately two miles of walking. Bring lunch.

March 8, Saturday (BAR)

Barr Lake State Park

Leader: Dick Schottler, 278-8035

Meet leader at 0730 at the entrance to Barr Lake State Park. May see resident Bald Eagles and other raptors. Easy trail but will walk 2-3 miles. Half day trip. Lunch optional. State Parks Pass required.

March 9, Sunday (SPR)

South Platte River, Adams County Fairgrounds Wildlife Area and Morgan Smith Nature Area in Brighton

Leader: Karleen Schofield, 936-8661

Meet leader at 0730 at the South Platte River parking lot on the southeast corner of E. 88th Ave. and Colorado Blvd. Bring lunch and expect to walk 3-4 miles. Good for novice and new members.

March 15, Saturday (NBC)

North Boulder County

Leader: Raymond Davis, 1-303-823-5332

Meet at 0745 to carpool from RTD Park-n-Ride at northeast corner of N. Sheridan Blvd. and W. 88th Ave. Meet leader at 0830 at Stazio Field softball park. From north bound US36, take Foothills Pkwy. exit. Go north two miles to Arapahoe Ave., then east to 63rd St. (traffic light). Go north 0.5 miles to parking lot on left. Bring lunch. Trip will finish early afternoon.

March 16, Sunday (CSP)

Chatfield State Park

Leader: Lea Ann Brown, 791-6204

Meet leader at 0800 at fee station inside the west entrance of park. From C470 go 1.5 miles south on Wadsworth Blvd. Easy trail but will walk about two miles. Lunch optional. Half day trip. State Parks Pass required.

March 22, Saturday (CSA)

Colorado Springs area and south

Leader: Jack Reddall, 771-5308

Meet leader at 0600 at the Southmoor RTD Park-n-Ride. From I-25 take Hampden Ave. east to Monaco, then south 0.3 miles to Magnolia Way. Turn right and meet at northeast corner of the lot. Will walk about three miles. Bring lunch. State Parks Pass required.

March 23, Sunday (WRG)

Wheat Ridge Greenbelt and area ponds

Leader: Phil Hayes, 763-2813

Meet leader at 0730 at Prospect Pond, south of W. 44th Ave. just east of Robb St. East trail but will walk about 3-4 miles. Half day trip. Lunch optional.

March 29, Saturday (CHR)

*Cherokee Ranch, Daniels Park and other
Douglas County locations*

Leader: Ben Moore, 861-7777

Meet leader at 0730 at Albertson's parking lot at the northwest corner of S. Broadway and County Line Rd. Car pooling is required. Very little walking. Bring lunch.

March 30, Sunday

Easter Sunday - no trip scheduled.

Scheduled by Lynn Willcockson, 757-7000

SPECIAL WRAY AREA TRIP**April 11, 12, Friday and Saturday (WRY)**

Wray area for Greater Prairie Chickens

Leader: Karleen Schofield, 936-8661

Meet leader at 0630 to carpool from Denver on Friday April 11 to visit Bijou Reservoir, Muir Springs, and Wray area with dusk visit to private lek if weather permits. On Saturday, there will be a pre-dawn trip to the lek to view courtship behavior. We will also bird country roads in the area then head to Beecher Island Historic Park

and Bonny Reservoir State Park. The trip will return to Denver by Saturday evening.

Register with Karleen on or after March 2 as she is out of town until that date.

Those unable to leave Friday a.m. can join the group in Wray Friday evening. There are only five cars permitted at the lek and four-wheel drive vehicles are preferred.

Leader will stay at the Sandhill Motel, in Wray, Friday night, 970-332-4134. Rates including tax for two persons, two beds are \$34.65, \$5.20 for each additional person. Other motels are available. Early reservations are important since other birders will be there. Participants are responsible for making their own lodging arrangements after registering with leader. Other trip expenses will include: Friday dinner, Saturday late breakfast, State Parks Day Pass, and shared gas for approximately 550 miles round trip.

Bring CB Radio if you have one and lunch for two days and pre-dawn breakfast snacks and hot beverage suggested at lek.

1996 DFO STATISTICS**MEMBERSHIP**

Total	512
Individuals	644

TRIPS AND COUNTS

Total	153
Participants	
Total	1,349
Individuals	
Members	264

By trip and count

0	380
1	108
2-5	90
6-10	36
11-20	25
21-29	4
30	1
	644

Percent Active	41%
Non Members	174

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS1996

	<u>GENERAL FUND</u>		<u>RESERVE</u>	<u>ENDOWMENT</u>
	<u>1996</u>	<u>1995</u>	<u>FUND</u>	<u>FUND</u>
BAANCE, 1/1/96	<u>\$2,247.13</u>		<u>\$8,500.00</u>	<u>\$15,616.53</u>
RECEIPTS				
1996 Membership Dues				
Received In - 1995	1,925.00			
- 1996	<u>5,277.00</u>			
Total	7,202.00	\$7,006.00		
Interest	625.09	567.74		864.08
Colorado Bird Report	940.00	970.00		
Book Shop	1,074.20	366.70		
Miscellaneous				
Sale of C/B's	50.00			
Sales Tax Refund	50.00			
Contributions				
Mary Hope Robinson Estate				2,047.38
Members		100.00		290.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	<u>9,941.29</u>	<u>9,010.44</u>		<u>3,201.46</u>
DISBURSEMENTS				
Printing/Mailing Lark				
Bunting	7,253.65	6,319.84		
Museum Membership	150.00	150.00		
Colorado Bird Report	637.37	919.13		
Book Shop	784.92	353.08		
Liability Insurance	623.00			
Awards	41.39	78.97		547.53
Miscellaneous				
Bird Trips & Counts	237.08	215.04		
Administrative Expenses	76.82	202.94		
Equipment	29.99	99.98		
Colorado Partners in Flight	150.00			
Corporate License	25.00			
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	<u>10,009.22</u>	<u>8,338.98</u>		<u>547.53</u>
EXCESS OF RECEIPTS OVER DISBURSEMENTS	(67.93)	<u>671.46</u>		<u>2,653.93</u>
ADJUSTMENTS				
Membership Dues For 1996				
Received in 1995	(1,925.00)			
Membership Dues For 1997				
Received in 1996	<u>1,838.00</u>			
BAANCE, 12/31/96	<u>\$2,092.20</u>		<u>\$8,500.00</u>	<u>\$18,270.46</u>
	<u>12/31/96</u>	<u>12/31/95</u>		
Total Membership	512	526		
New Members	52	76		

DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS - Membership Information

WELCOME TO THE DFO

PURPOSE: The prime objective of the club is to promote interest in the study and preservation of birds and their habitats. Members are encouraged to learn about birds in the field, noting species and numbers, while learning about their songs and calls, as well as habits and habitats.

REGULAR MEETINGS: The general meetings are held each month (except June, July, August, and December) at 7:30 PM at the Denver Museum of Natural History. Dates and subjects of the meetings are reported on the Colorado Rare Bird Alert (424-2144) and in the *Lark Bunting*. The meetings are open to the public without charge.

FIELD TRIPS: These are scheduled for almost every Saturday and Sunday throughout the year to a variety of habitats near Denver. Occasionally special trips are arranged to good birding areas in other parts of Colorado and surrounding states. Usually it is necessary to bring a lunch, and to wear sturdy hiking shoes or boots. Carpooling is encouraged to get the most from bird watching, as well as to save time and energy. Carpooling cost is 10 cents per mile divided by the number of people in the car including the driver.

BULLETIN: A monthly bulletin, the *Lark Bunting*, is issued to all members, listing field trips scheduled. A complete list of bird seen on the previous month's trips is given in checklist order as are interesting sightings reported by members.

DFO COLORADO RARE BIRD ALERT --- 303-424-2144

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Please indicate:

☐ — NEW

☐ — RENEWAL

All memberships expire December 31, but are valid for the next year if paid after October 1st.

_____ Regular Family Membership \$15.00
_____ Senior Citizen Membership 12.00 (age 65 or older)
_____ Student Membership 5.00 (age 18 or younger)
_____ Contribution to the Colorado Rare Bird Alert
_____ Contribution to the DFO Educational Endowment Fund

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP Code _____ Telephone _____

Please make checks payable to Denver Field Ornithologists

Send to Treasurer: Glenn Hageman, 448 South Leyden St., Denver, CO 80224, 303-322-6589



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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING ON THE FIRST WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER THROUGH MAY, EXCEPT FOR DECEMBER, AT 7:30 PM, DENVER MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, RICKETSON AUDITORIUM

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, April 2, 1997

Program: "Colorado Breeding Bird Atlas - The Travails of Editing a Book with 30 Authors"

Speaker: Hugh Kingery, Editor, Colorado Breeding Bird Atlas

NOTE: Please call the Colorado Rare Bird Alert for special DFO Meeting announcements or cancellations

***** Colorado Rare Bird Alert - 424-2144 *****

FIELD TRIP SUMMARY

February 1997

February 1, Saturday (FHM)

Foothills and Mountains

Leader: Warren Finch

0645-1545. 160 miles by car, 2.0 miles on foot.

Partly cloudy to clear, wind north 0-30 mph, 40-50°F.

Observers: George Armbrust, Patty Echelmeyer, Gail Evans, Carol Frederick, Ken Frederick, Helen Hoyt, Bill Kossack, Calaine Ohmert, Dave Quesenberry, Gene Rutherford, Buzz Schaumberg, Bob Spencer, Mort Staatz. 26 species. 244 individuals.

February 2, Sunday (WWA)

Wellington Wildlife Area to include Platteville, Windsor, Rockport and Wellington

Leader: Dick Pratt

0900-1600. 130 miles by car, 1.0 miles on foot.

Clear to overcast, calm, 40°F.

Observers: Meredith Anderson, George Armbrust, Marilyn Clark, Patty Echelmeyer, Diana Mullineaux, Ellie Walker, Chuck Walters. 30 species. 12,741 individuals.

February 2, Sunday (RRP)

Red Rocks Park

Leader: Dieter Kamm

1330-1545. Zero miles by car, 1.0 miles on foot.

Cloudy, calm, 35°F.

Observers: Cheryl Chamberlain, Keith Chamberlain, B.B. Hahn, Connie Hayek, Don Ice, Ellen Jacobson, Alicia Kamm, David Laliberte, Elissa McAlear, Jon McAlear, Tim Mitzen, Vince Mitzen, Calaine Ohmert, Buzz Schaumberg.

16 species. 389 individuals.

February 2, Sunday (SPP)

South Platte Park

Leader: Sue Shulman

Canceled.

February 2, Sunday (NEC)

Northeast Colorado and Nebraska

Leader: Jackie King

0600-1700. 485 miles by car, 1.0 miles on foot.

Clear becoming overcast in evening, wind northwest 2-3 mph, 30-42°F.

Observer: Amy Young.

31 species. 8,004 individuals.

THE LARK BUNTING

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The Denver Field Ornithologists was organized as the Colorado Bird Club in 1935, and membership is open to anyone interested in the birds of the Denver area in particular, and the birds of Colorado in general. The DFO presents monthly evening programs (except in the summer) and conducts about 100 field trips annually.

Regular individual or family membership is \$15.00 per year. Senior citizen (age 65 or older) is \$12.00 per year. Student (age 18 or younger) membership is \$5.00 per year. Applications for membership should be sent to the Treasurer (see address below). A membership application form is usually attached to the back of the *Lark Bunting*.

Notification of changes in name or address should be sent to the Treasurer. The *Lark Bunting* is sent by third class mail, and will not be forwarded.

Members who fail to receive the *Lark Bunting* by the 25th of the month should contact the Treasurer (Glenn Hageman, 322-6589), as he usually has extra copies. Those who fail to receive the *Lark Bunting* for two or more consecutive months should contact the Treasurer in writing.

Notices or announcements of classes, lectures, special field trips, etc., relating to birds that are intended for inclusion in the *Lark Bunting* should be received in the mail by the Editor no later than the 5th of the month of issue. The Editor reserves the right to accept or refuse and to edit any announcement.

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February 8, Saturday

(RMA)

Rocky Mountain Arsenal

Leader: Ed Holub

0735-1445. 37 miles by car, 0.75 miles on foot.

Clear, wind north 0-1 mph, 13-37°F.

Observers: George Armbrust, Don Ice, Gene Hedtke, David Laliberte, David Rhoades, Anne Southcott, Buzz Schaumberg, Elizabeth Schaumberg.

42 species. 1,314 individuals.

February 8, Saturday

(FEF)

Feeder Frolic

Leader: Bob Spencer

0800-1500. 35 miles by car, 1.0 miles on foot.

Clear, wind northwest 0-5 mph, 25-40°F.

Observers: Ursula Barsch, David Quesenberry, Gene Rutherford, Mort Staatz.

40 species. 636 individuals.

February 9, Sunday

(PLR)

Bike-n-Bird the Platte River, from 88th Ave. and Colorado Blvd.

Leaders: Bill and Nancy Urquhart

0830-1200. 8.0 miles on bike.

Clear, wind north 1-3 mph, 20-40°F.

Observers: Ivan Getting, Wayne Powell, Dick Olde, Ann Beck, Bob Beck, Jim Svenson, Polly Svenson.

21 species. 369 individuals.

February 9, Sunday

(RFR)

Rambling for Raptors, to include Green Mountain Cemetery, Boulder and Dodd Reservoirs and Walden Wildlife Habitat

Leaders: Myron and Suzi Plooster

0900-1400. 20 miles by car, 0.5 miles on foot.

Clear, calm, 35-45°F.

Observers: Carolyn Cooley, Ferd Dirckx, Jo Dirckx, Al Hay, Dee Hay, Edwin McConkey, Richard Mendez, Chris Owens, Warren Roske.

52 species. 3,692 individuals.

February 14, Friday

(CAC)

Owling at Castlewood Canyon State Park

Leader: Dan Bridges

1900-2000. One mile by car, 1.0 miles on foot.

Clear, calm, 34°F.

Observers: Paul Day, Jeff Dunning, Kathy Dunning, Glenda Dwyer, Terry Dwyer, Don Ice, Mookie McKim, Bridget Milnes, Rick Mendez, Karen Metz, Christie Owens, Buzz Schaumberg, Peter Spanberger, Ann Thomas, Elena Thomas.
2 species. 4 individuals.

February 15, Saturday (CAN)

Canon City Riverwalk

Leader: David Pantle

0930-1530. 46 miles by car, 2.0 miles on foot.

Clear, calm, 45-65°F.

Observers: Chris Blakeslee, Sherry Chapman, Glenn Hageman, Jeane Hageman, B.B. Hahn, Bob Hahn, Alan Hay, Dee Hay, Peter Lowen, Jean McClenathen, SeEtta Moss, Jim Norton, Calaine Ohmert, Sherrill Pantle, Jim Perry, Gene Rutherford, Sterling Thompson, Dick Williams, Amy Young.

49 species. 456 individuals.

February 15, Saturday (CCR)

Cherry Creek Reservoir

Leader: Buzz Schaumberg

0730-1200.

Partly cloudy, wind northwest 19-24 mph, 35-40°F.

Observers: Kitty Albee, Ursula Barsch, Carolyn Bartell, George Cain, Hilda Cain, Richard Mendez, Christie Owens.

21 species. 463 individuals.

February 16, Sunday (HAM)

Hamilton Reservoir at Rawhide Power Plant

Leader: Ron Ryder

0830-1500. 31 miles by car, 0.5 miles on foot.

Clear, wind west 0-5 mph, 24-57°F.

Observers: Bob Bierling, Nancy Bierling, Carolyn Cooley, Alex Cringan, Ferd Dirckx, Jo Dirckx, Carol Fredericks, Ken Fredericks, Joe Himmel, Joey Kellner, Dick Maxfield, Bob Miller, Judy Miller, Ric Olsen, Dick Pratt, Dave Quesenberry.

43 species. 2,663 individuals.

February 22, Saturday (PUE)

Pueblo area

Leader: David Silverman

0730-1630. 30 miles by car, 4.0 miles on foot.

Partly cloudy, calm, 15-40°F.

Observers: Bob Bierling, Nancy Bierling, Richard Bunn, Sherry Chapman, Donna Danielson, Bob Dickson, Jason Faber, Maryann Faber, Glenn Hageman, Jeane Hageman, Mark Janos, Dave Johnson, SeEtta Moss, Marie Parenti, Brandon Percival, Gene Rutherford, Bob Spencer, Laura Wathen, Wayne Wathen.
64 species. 1,177 individuals.

February 23, Sunday (CSW)

Colorado Springs State Wildlife Area and Hanna Ranch

Leader: David Laliberte

Canceled due inclement weather.

TUESDAY BIRDERS

February 4, Tuesday (SPL)

South Platte and 88th Ave.

Leader: Ann Bonnell. 21 observers.

0900-1200. Zero miles by car, 4.0 miles on foot.

Mostly cloudy, wind south 4 mph, 28-36°F.

35 species. 1,369 individuals.

February 11, Tuesday (SPP)

South Platte Park

Leader: Ann Bonnell. 22 observers.

0900-1200. Zero miles by car, 4.25 miles on foot.

Clear, wind east 0-5 mph, 31-34°F.

32 species. 1,047 individuals.

February 18, Tuesday (CSP)

Chatfield State Park

0900-1330. 20 observers.

Leader: Ann Bonnell. 20 observers.

0900-1330. 15 miles by car, 1.0 miles on foot.

Sunny to cloudy, wind northeast 0-5 mph, 50°F.

25 species. 221 individuals.

February 25, Tuesday (BCP)

Bear Creek Lake Park

Leader: Ann Bonnell. 26 observers.

0900-1230. 9 miles by car, 1.0 miles on foot.

Clear, wind west 5 mph, 29-39°F.

20 species. 164 individuals.

Monna Krebs, compiler

SPECIES	1	2	2	2	8	8	9	9	14	15	15	16	22	4	11	18	25
	FHM	WWA	RRP	NEC	RMA	FEF	PLR	RFR	CAC	CAN	CCR	HAM	PUE	SPL	SPP	CSP	BCP
Wild Turkey	52																
Scaled Quail													50				
American Coot					8	3	12	50		10	30	162	25	30	17		
Killdeer							1			4		1			3		
Common Snipe										1							
Ring-billed Gull				550	1	15	50	50			80	55	18	270	14	15	25
Herring Gull				12				15			4	2	1	1			
Thayer's Gull													1				
Glaucous Gull				2													
Rock Dove		40	15	5	8	42	11	60		50		3	30	50	7	19	
Mourning Dove		5								4			3				
Eastern Screech-Owl												1					
Great Horned Owl		1	2	1	4				1h	1			1		1	1	
Long-eared Owl					1												
Northern Saw-whet Owl									3h								
Belted Kingfisher		1				1	1			3m			4	1	3		
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker												1i	1				
Downy Woodpecker					6			2					4				
"Rocky Mountain" race	1					3	1			1m							
Eastern races						2											
Hairy Woodpecker					2												
"Rocky Mountain" race	2											1					
Northern Flicker		2						3						2	8	6	2
"Red-shafted" race					5	6	1			2	1	3	12				
Horned Lark		40		125	40						12	18					
Steller's Jay	10					2		1									
Blue Jay		4				5				1		1	2				
Western Scrub-Jay			7			7				2							
Clark's Nutcracker	3									6							
Black-billed Magpie	5	10		9	65	16	7	60		8	18		36	13	12	40	8
American Crow	20	6			2	10		2000			1	3	35		2		5
Common Raven	10					2		8		1						1	
Black-capped Chickadee	25	4	7		3	30	4	6		6		10	22	6	6	6	1
Mountain Chickadee	30		1			14				1		1	6				
Red-breasted Nuthatch	1			1		2		1				3	2				
White-breasted Nuthatch	5					2				2			4				
Pygmy Nuthatch	6					2											
Brown Creeper	2				1			3		4		2	22				
Bewick's Wren										1h			6				
American Dipper	1																
Mountain Bluebird										1			1				
Townsend's Solitaire	3	2	1	1	1	1		2		2			8				

SPECIES	1	2	2	2	8	8	9	9	14	15	15	16	22	4	11	18	25
	FHM	WWA	RRP	NEC	RMA	FEF	PLR	RFR	CAC	CAN	CCR	HAM	PUE	SPL	SPP	CSP	BCP
American Robin	10	20	4	4	55	25	3	7		20	20	10	18	3	12		13
Cedar Waxwing													12				
Northern Shrike										11							
European Starling	20	950		120	32	30	8	400		30		30	70	18	40	7	7
Northern Cardinal						1											
Spotted Towhee			1			1							2				
Canyon Towhee										1			4				
American Tree Sparrow		16			12					1	6		2	10		1	5
Song Sparrow		4	1		7	2				8	3		23	3	5	2	2
White-throated Sparrow													1				
Golden-crowned Sparrow			1														
White-crowned Sparrow "Gambel's" race					2	4				10			107	20			
Harris Sparrow										11							
Dark-eyed Junco	5							5		30			55				1
"White-winged" race			1		6	2											
"Slate-colored" race			1		16	4											
"Oregon" race			3		15	2											
"Pink-sided" race			8		101	3											
"Gray-headed" race			4		2	6											
Red-winged Blackbird		650		175	45	13	6	2		30	78		60	6	3	15	
Western Meadowlark		21		11	35			1					1				
Brewer's Blackbird		1															
Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch "Hepburn's" race	10		300		1												
Black Rosy-Finch			2														
Pine Grosbeak	1																
Cassin's Finch	5					2		8		8			2				
House Finch	10		15	30	30	21		36		30	3	5	65	2		1	
Red Crossbill													1				
Pine Siskin						2		4		10		1	36				
American Goldfinch					1			3		20	1		5				
Evening Grosbeak						3				1							
House Sparrow	2	40	7	110	10	38		18		6	6	25	75	16	5		
TOTAL SPECIES	26	30	16	31	42	40	21	52	2	49	21	43	64	35	32	25	20
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	244	12741	389	8004	1314	636	369	3692	4	456	463	2663	1177	1369	1047	221	164

ADDITIONAL REPORTS - FEBRUARY 1997

SPECIES	Date	Count	Location	County	Observers
Common Loon	2/5-28	2	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Horned Grebe	2/5-28	6	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Eared Grebe	2/22	1	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Western Grebe	2/5-22	3	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Clark's Grebe	2/7-21	1	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Trumpeter Swan	2/8	3	Fort Lyon Marsh	Bent	Brandon Percival, Sherry Chapman
Snow Goose	2/4-22	1i	Pueblo City Park	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Greater Scaup	2/15	1m	Wheat Ridge Greenbelt	Jefferson	Bob Brown
Merlin	2/20	1	Highlands Ranch	Douglas	Bob Brown, Lea Ann Brown
Peregrine Falcon	2/8	1a	S. Platte River at 78th Ave.	Adams	David Laliberte
White-tailed Ptarmigan	2/16	1	North of Guanella Pass at 11,000 ft.	Clear Creek	Dan Bridges
Mew Gull	2/4	1sw	Pueblo City Park	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Thayer's Gull	2/4-22	4fw	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, mo
Glaucous-winged Gull	2/5-10	1fw	Valco Ponds, Pueblo	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, mo
Great Black-backed Gull	2/4-17	1aw	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, mo
Eurasian Collared-Dove	2/8-16	5	Rocky Ford	Otero	Brandon Percival, Sherry Chapman
Long-eared Owl	2/8	3	Bonny Reservoir, south side pond	Yuma	Dan Bridges
	2/24	1	Lyons	Boulder	Myron Plooster, Suzi Plooster
Red-headed Woodpecker	2/24	1	Lyons	Boulder	Myron Plooster, Suzi Plooster
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	2/22	1	Pueblo City Park	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
	2/24	1	Lyons	Boulder	Myron Plooster, Suzi Plooster
Three-toed Woodpecker	2/21	1f	Lefthand trail from Brainard Lake parking	Boulder	Dan Bridges
Curve-billed Thrasher	2/7, 2/23	1	Near Himalaya Rd. and 26th Ave., Aurora	Adams	Aaron Sell
	2/24-27	2	835 Harmony Dr., Pueblo West	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Bohemian Waxwing	2/2	100	Lair o' the Bear Park	Jefferson	Bob Brown, Lea Ann Brown
	2/27	100+	4100 Jay St., Wheat Ridge	Jefferson	Joe Kamby, Norma Kamby
Swamp Sparrow	2/8	6	Fort Lyon Marsh	Bent	Brandon Percival, Sherry Chapman
White-throated Sparrow	2/8	1	Rocky Ford SWA	Otero	Brandon Percival
Golden-crowned Sparrow	2/2	1	Red Rocks Trading Post	Jefferson	Bob Brown, Lea Ann Brown
Harris' Sparrow	2/8	1i	Near Lake Holbrook	Otero	Brandon Percival, Sherry Chapman
Great-tailed Grackle	2/8	1	Near Fort Lyon	Bent	Brandon Percival
Common Grackle	2/11	1m	Pueblo West	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Gray crowned Rosy Finch	2/10	50	Georgetown	Clear Creek	David Laliberte, Tina Jones
"Hepburn's" race	2/10	3	Georgetown	Clear Creek	David Laliberte, Tina Jones
Black Rosy-Finch	2/2	1	Red Rocks Trading Post	Jefferson	Bob Brown, Lea Ann Brown
	2/10	2	Georgetown	Clear Creek	David Laliberte, Tina Jones
Pine Grosbeak	2/10	2m1f	Chicago Creek	Clear Creek	David Laliberte, Tina Jones
Purple Finch	2/28	1am	410 Heidelberg, Boulder	Boulder	Myron Plooster, Suzi Plooster
Red Crossbill	2/1-28	8-25	4400 Bow Mar Dr., Littleton	Jefferson	Tina Jones
	2/10	6m	Chicago Creek	Clear Creek	David Laliberte, Tina Jones
	2/23-28	3m3f	9185 E. Floyd Ave., Denver	Denver	Kenneth Lane
Common Redpoll	2/1	1f	Pawnee Grasslands Work Station	Weld	Bob Brown, Lea Ann Brown

a = adult, sba = sub-adult, m = male, f = female, fp = female plumage (could be immature), j = juvenile, i = immature, d = dead, fym = first year male, fw = first winter, br = breeding plumage, nb = near breeding plumage, b = banded w = winter plumage, n = nesting, c = calling, s = singing, h = heard, (F) = form submitted

NOTE TO FEBRUARY ADDITIONAL SIGHTINGS

Dan Bridges reports that the Trumpeter Swans that stayed at the John Martin Marsh in Bent County from December 28 to mid-February were reared, banded, and released at Union Slough National Wildlife Refuge in northwestern Iowa in September, 1996. These swans had green neck collars with numbers F36, F38, and F39. The earlier report that they were banded on the Henry's Fork of the Snake River in Idaho is incorrect.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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Nancy Boggess
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JOIN THE 1997 BIRDATHON

Join the Denver Audubon Society this May for bird watching and fund raising rolled into one! The Birdathon is held each spring by Audubon chapters all across the nation. Participating in the Birdathon is easy, birders sign up sponsors to pledge a certain amount per species they see, then try to spot as many species as they can in a 24-hour period. Prizes for participants will be awarded in several categories ranging from most species seen, to most hours spent on the lookout, to most chickadees counted, and many other categories. Birders can pick any day during the month of May to conduct their Birdathon, and can conduct the count from anywhere in the area, the state, or the world! You can even conduct your Birdathon during a DFO trip, or on Migratory Bird Day, or any of the many birding events occurring this spring: we will also be coordinating teams for the Birdathon through Denver Audubon, and welcome both novice and experienced birders to join up! For more information or a Birdathon participant's packet, please contact Debbie Rudnick, Birdathon coordinator, at 336-7279, or contact the DAS office at 696-0877. We look forward to your participation in the 1997 Birdathon, for Denver Audubon, for the birds—and for you!

DENVER AUDUBON SOCIETY CLASS

Denver Audubon Society presents *Longspurs, Mountain Plovers, Bluebirds, Rails and Ibis: Early Migrants*.

The classroom session covers early territorial and courtship behaviors of birds. A field trip will visit Pawnee National Grassland to look for McCown's and Chestnut-collared Longspurs, Mountain Plover, Swainson Hawk and Golden Eagle. The group will identify any shorebirds seen. A second field trip will visit a bluebird box trail to observe early territorial behaviors. During this trip participants will visit a heron rookery to observe the courtship dance of Western Grebes. Shorebird identification is emphasized in class and in the field. Actual collected birds nests will be viewed.

Classroom session is April 17 at 7:00 p.m. at the Denver Audubon office. Field trips are April 20 and April 27. The fees are \$40 for Denver Audubon Society Members and \$50 for non-members. The instructor is Tina Jones. Call Denver Audubon Society to register at 696-0877 or Call Tina at 794-2647.

UPCOMING DFO FIELD TRIPS

April 5, Saturday (RRP)

Red Rocks and Mt. Falcon Parks

Leaders: Glenn and Jeane Hageman, 322-6589

Meet at 0800 at Red Rocks Trading Post parking lot. Bring lunch.

April 6, Sunday (WCW)

Reminder: Daylight Savings Time Starts

Weld County Wetlands

Leader: Dick Pratt, 303-651-6860

Meet at 0800 at the east end of the north parking lot of the Denver Museum of Natural History.

This trip will search the Greeley and Weld County wetlands for raptors and shorebirds.

Full day trip. Bring lunch.

April 11-12, Friday and Saturday (WRY)

Wray area for Greater Prairie Chickens

Leader: Karleen Schofield, 936-8661

Trip full.

April 12, Saturday (CCR)

Cherry Creek Reservoir

Leader: Steve Stachowiak, 791-4974

Meet at 0700 just inside the west gate of the park, east of Cherry Creek High School. Go east from S. Yosemite St. on Union. Half day trip. State Parks Pass and annual Cherry Creek Reservoir Pass required.

April 13, Sunday (PRP)

Parker Regional and Castlewood Canyon State Parks

Leader: David Quesenberry, 796-7603

Meet at 0730 at Parker Regional Park. From Main St. intersection in Parker, go south on Parker Rd. (CO 83) for 1.2 miles. Turn right on Indian Pipe Ln. to parking lot on right. Full day trip. Bring lunch. State Parks Pass required.

April 19-20, Saturday and Sunday (KNE)

Kearney, Nebraska

Leader: Jackie King, 287-1644

Call leader for instructions. Trip will look for Sandhill Cranes, Wild Turkeys, Red-bellied and Red-headed Woodpeckers, and Northern Cardinals. Participants must make their own motel reservations.

April 19, Saturday (CHA)

Chatfield State Park

Carolyn Cooley, 798-9010

Meet at 0800 at fee station inside west entrance of park. From C-470 go south on Wadsworth Blvd. 1.5 miles. Bring lunch. State Parks Pass required. Trip good for novice and beginning birders.

April 20, Sunday (NED)

Plains birding northeast of Denver

Leader: David Laliberte, 297-2504

Meet at 0730 at Denver Museum of Natural History at the east end of north parking lot in City Park. Full day trip. Bring lunch. Look for late April surprises.

April 26, Saturday (BAR)

Barr Lake State Park

Leader: Ric Olson, 790-7753

Meet at 0730 at the Nature Center. Full day trip. Bring lunch. State Parks Pass required.

April 27, Sunday (WRG)

Wheat Ridge Greenbelt

Leader: Mort Staatz, 279-6169

Meet at 0730 at Prospect Park Lake, south of W. 44th Ave. just east of Robb St. Migration will be starting. Half day trip. Lunch optional. This trip good for novice birders and beginners.

Scheduled by Patty Echelmeyer, 233-4947

FIELD TRIP GUIDELINES

The following guidelines should be followed when participating in a DFO Field Trip:

Call the Colorado Rare Bird Alert before going on a field trip to determine if there have been any cancellations or changes in schedule.

Carpool if possible so the leader will have fewer cars to keep track of and get parked at stops. Carpooling also saves gasoline and reduces air pollution. Stay reasonably close to the group whether en route or on foot.

Do not leave the group without notifying the leader. Everyone is expected to share in the mileage expenses on scheduled DFO field trips. The suggested share is 10 cents per mile divided by the number of people in the car including the driver.

Accommodations can usually be made for persons with disabilities. Contact Jackie King, 303-287-1644.

DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS - Membership Information

WELCOME TO THE DFO

PURPOSE: The prime objective of the club is to promote interest in the study and preservation of birds and their habitats. Members are encouraged to learn about birds in the field, noting species and numbers, while learning about their songs and calls, as well as habits and habitats.

REGULAR MEETINGS: The general meetings are held each month (except June, July, August, and December) at 7:30 PM at the Denver Museum of Natural History. Dates and subjects of the meetings are reported on the Colorado Rare Bird Alert (424-2144) and in the *Lark Bunting*. The meetings are open to the public without charge.

FIELD TRIPS: These are scheduled for almost every Saturday and Sunday throughout the year to a variety of habitats near Denver. Occasionally special trips are arranged to good birding areas in other parts of Colorado and surrounding states. Usually it is necessary to bring a lunch, and to wear sturdy hiking shoes or boots. Carpooling is encouraged to get the most from bird watching, as well as to save time and energy. Carpooling cost is 10 cents per mile divided by the number of people in the car including the driver.

BULLETIN: A monthly bulletin, the *Lark Bunting*, is issued to all members, listing field trips scheduled. A complete list of bird seen on the previous month's trips is given in checklist order as are interesting sightings reported by members.

DFO COLORADO RARE BIRD ALERT --- 303-424-2144

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Please indicate:

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☐ — RENEWAL

All memberships expire December 31, but are valid for the next year if paid after October 1st.

_____ Regular Family Membership \$15.00
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_____ Student Membership 5.00 (age 18 or younger)
_____ Contribution to the Colorado Rare Bird Alert
_____ Contribution to the DFO Educational Endowment Fund

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Please make checks payable to Denver Field Ornithologists

Send to Treasurer: Glenn Hageman, 448 South Leyden St., Denver, CO 80224, 303-322-6589



THE LARK BUNTING

MONTHLY REPORT OF FIELD OBSERVATIONS OF THE DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS

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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING ON THE FIRST WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER THROUGH MAY, EXCEPT FOR DECEMBER, AT 7:30 PM, DENVER MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, RICKETSON AUDITORIUM

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, May 7, 1997
Program: "An Evening of Birds from Alaska to Puerto Rico"

Speaker: Dick Williams

NOTE: Please call the Colorado Rare Bird Alert for special DFO Meeting announcements or cancellations

***** Colorado Rare Bird Alert - 424-2144 *****

FIELD TRIP SUMMARY MARCH 1997

March 1, Saturday (NDL)
Northwest Denver area lakes
Leader: Ruth Breckon
0800-1315. 52 miles by car, 0.25 miles on foot.
Clear, wind south southwest 4-6 mph, 15-32°F.
Observers: Lexy Dauw, Ann Lee.
21 species. 1,358 individuals.

March 2, Sunday (RRP)
Red Rocks, Lair'o the Bear, and Mt. Falcon Parks
Leader: Dave Quesenberry
0800-1230. 20 miles by car, 2.0 miles on foot.
Clear, wind west 0-5 mph, 32-44°F.
Observers: Mary Berger, Cheryl Chamberlain, Keith Chamberlain, Sheila Delamere, Myriam Friggens, Jim Hansmann, Ellen Jacobson, David Laliberte, Ric Olson, Mary Ann Simmons, Sue Schulman, Peter Spanberger, Laura Wathen, Wayne Wathen.
24 species. 265 individuals.

March 8, Saturday (BAR)
Barr Lake State Park
Leader: Dick Schottler
0730-1300. Zero miles by car, 4.5 miles on foot.
Clear, wind variable 0-10 mph, 40-60°F.
Observers: Don Brachear, Gail Evans, Ann Lee, Richard Mendez, Chris Owens, Buzz Schaumberg, Chuck Walters, Laura Wathen, Wayne Wathen.
44 species. 1,393 individuals.

March 9, Sunday (SPR)
South Platte River, Adams County Fairgrounds Wildlife Area and Morgan Smith Nature Area in Brighton
Leader: Karleen Schofield
0730-1600. 55 miles by car, 2.5 miles on foot.
Clear, wind north 0-5 mph, 40-65°F.
Observers: Kitty Albee, Marlene Andrews, Ursula Barsch, Susan Blansett, Carolyn Cooley, Carol Fredericks, Ken Fredericks, Tom Hahlitzel, Connie Huyck, Gil Jackson, Jean Jackson, Alicia Kamm, Dieter Kamm, Ric Olson, Mark Peyton, Dave Quesenberry, Frances Sperl.
46 species. 2,382 individuals.

THE LARK BUNTING

The *Lark Bunting* has been published monthly since October 1965 for members of the Denver Field Ornithologists, Zoology Department, Denver Museum of Natural History, 2001 Colorado Blvd., Denver, CO 80205.

The Denver Field Ornithologists was organized as the Colorado Bird Club in 1935, and membership is open to anyone interested in the birds of the Denver area in particular, and the birds of Colorado in general. The DFO presents monthly evening programs (except in the summer) and conducts about 100 field trips annually.

Regular individual or family membership is \$15.00 per year. Senior citizen (age 65 or older) is \$12.00 per year. Student (age 18 or younger) membership is \$5.00 per year. Applications for membership should be sent to the Treasurer (see address below). A membership application form is usually attached to the back of the *Lark Bunting*.

Notification of changes in name or address should be sent to the Treasurer. The *Lark Bunting* is sent by third class mail, and will not be forwarded.

Members who fail to receive the *Lark Bunting* by the 25th of the month should contact the Treasurer (Glenn Hageman, 322-6589), as he usually has extra copies. Those who fail to receive the *Lark Bunting* for two or more consecutive months should contact the Treasurer in writing.

Notices or announcements of classes, lectures, special field trips, etc., relating to birds that are intended for inclusion in the *Lark Bunting* should be received in the mail by the Editor no later than the 5th of the month of issue. The Editor reserves the right to accept or refuse and to edit any announcement.

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March 15, Saturday (NBC) *North Boulder County, Union Reservoir and Lyons*

Leader: Raymond Davis

0830-1430. 60 miles by car, 1.2 miles on foot.

Clear, calm, 45-55°F.

Observers: George Armbrust, Keith Chamberlain, Carol Fredericks, Ken Fredericks, Alan Hay, Dee Hay, John Myers, Myron Plooster, Gene Rutherford.

64 species. 1,451 individuals.

March 16, Sunday (CSP) *Chatfield State Park*

Leader: Lea Ann Brown

0800-1230. 10 miles by car, 2.5 miles on foot.

Some high clouds, calm, 45-65°F.

Observers: Meredith Anderson, Ruth Barsch, Ursula Barsch, Bob Brown, Mary Chappell, Carolyn Cooley, Warren Finch, Carol Fredericks, Ken Fredericks, Betty House, Peter Spanberger, Dorothy Sutherlin, Jean Tarbel, Joe TenBrink.

27 species. 211 individuals.

March 22, Saturday (CSA) *Colorado Springs area to include, Garden of the Gods, Fountain Creek Regional Park, Colorado Springs SWA, Hanover and Meridian Roads.*

Leader: Jack Reddall

0600-1430. 202 miles by car, 4.0 miles on foot.
Mostly clear, wind southwest at 0-15 mph.

Observers: George Armbrust, Bob Bierling, Nancy Bierling, Mary Burns, Carolyn Cooley, Glenn Hageman, Jeane Hageman, Al Hay, Dee Hay, Gil Jackson, Jean Jackson, Ellie Jones, Jill Knaak, Richard Mendez, Chris Owens, Sue Schulman, Mort Staatz, Chuck Walters, Liz Willcockson, Lynn Willcockson.

50 species. 1,105 individuals.

March 23, Sunday (WRG) *Wheat Ridge Greenbelt and area ponds*

Leader: Phil Hayes

0730-1130. Zero miles by car, 3.5 miles on foot.

Partly cloudy, wind northwest 5-10 mph,
40-50°F.

Observers: Marlene Andrews, Marilyn Clark, Karin Donnerstag, Myriam Friggins, Gregg Goodrich, Max Mott, Marianne Nelson, Audrey Noorlun, Dick Pratt, June Sturroch.
27 species. 373 individuals.

March 29, Saturday (CHR)

Cherokee Ranch, Daniels Park and other Douglas County locations

Leader: Ben Moore

0800-1400. 87 miles by car, 1.0 miles on foot.
Snowing to mostly sunny, wind northwest 3 mph, 30-50°F.

Observers: George Armbrust, Louisa Armbrust, Carolyn Cooley, Allan Hay, Dee Hay, Norm Lewis, Jean Maguire, Richard Mendez, Chris Owens, Dave Quesenberry, Mort Staatz.
30 species. 374 individuals.

March 30, Sunday Easter Sunday - no trip

TUESDAY BIRDERS

March 4, Tuesday

Trip canceled due inclement weather

March 11, Tuesday (LOM)

Lookout Mountain to include Genesee Mountain Park and Cold Springs

Leader: Ann Bonnell. 37 observers.

0900-1300. 6 miles by car, 1.0 miles on foot.

Mostly sunny, calm, 49-54°F.

19 species. 81 individuals.

March 18, Tuesday (CHA)

Chatfield Arboretum

Leader: Ann Bonnell. 30 observers.

0900-1145. Zero miles by car, 2.5 miles on foot.

Clear, calm, 49-60°F.

25 species. 269 individuals.

March 25, Tuesday (ROX)

Roxborough State Park, Fountain Valley Trail and South Downs

Leader: Ann Bonnell. 23 observers.

0900-1200. 2.5 miles by car, 2.5 miles on foot.

Clear, wind south 0-10 mph, 32-46°F.

25 species. 160 individuals.

Monna Krebs, compiler

COSTA RICA RECAP

Dieter Kamm led a group of ten observers to Costa Rica, February 14 to February 28. The group visited Monteverde Cloud Forest, Carara Biological Preserve, Manuel Antonio National Park, The Telamanca Mountains, and La Selva in the Caribbean rain forest, where to their surprise they ran into John Prather. In two weeks of non-stop birding, the group saw 345 species, including 27 hummingbirds and 37 flycatchers. Observers: Marlene Eggerling, Gail Evans, Tammy Ferreira, Warren Finch, Alicia Kamm, Lee Rowe, Marilyn Rowe, Jane and John Ruckmick and Karleen Schofield.

EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENT FUND

The DFO Board of Directors and Officers are pleased to announce the award of a grant for \$600 to support Colorado Bird Observatory's *On The Wing* program, a field ornithology program solely for young people. *On the Wing* is a program that teaches youths about birds in the field. Colorado Bird Observatory and Keystone Science School created *On the Wing*. These funds will be used as scholarships to assist with the cost of attending *On The Wing*.

MOUNTAIN PLOVER STUDY

The Platte and Prairie Audubon Society is seeking Mountain Plover sightings in Weld and Morgan Counties, especially on plowed land. The purpose of the study is to see if the plovers are using northeast Colorado cultivated fields in manners similar to that found by John Shackford around Fads in southeastern Colorado. Results will be filed with the Denver Audubon Plover Steering Committee. Include date, number of birds, habitat and exact location either by section and township numbers, or in relation to nearest roads.

Send sightings through July 31, 1997 to Bill and Gretchen Cutts, 1980 26th Ave. Pl., Greeley, CO 80631, 970-351-0166. Email Mtplover@aol.com.

SPECIES	1	2	8	9	15	16	22	23	29	11	18	25
	NDL	RRP	BAR	SPR	NBC	CSP	CSA	WRG	CHR	LOM	CHA	ROX
Pied-billed Grebe					3							
Horned Grebe	1		1		8							
Eared Grebe					1							
Western Grebe					4							
Double-crested Cormorant			1	3								
Great Blue Heron					15	6	15n					
Trumpeter Swan					1							
Canada Goose	427		175	87	90	20	50	40			8	
Green-winged Teal			2	8	4		10	3				
Mallard	132	2	150	48	10	7	40	45	3	2	8	
Northern Pintail			20	60	10							
Cinnamon Teal					6							
Northern Shoveler	98		85	39			3	18				
Gadwall			200	200	4		130					6
American Wigeon			18	28	20		70	24				4
Canvasback				1	6							
Redhead	248		250	230	20							50
Ring-necked Duck				109	150			10				2
Lesser Scaup	2		36	66	4		100	20				
Oldsquaw				2								
Common Goldeneye	18		44	21	60	8	4	8				1
Bufflehead			10	2	20		10					
Hooded Merganser					8							
Common Merganser	34		6		300	7	1f					25
Red-breasted Merganser				1	1			2				
Ruddy Duck							30					
Bald Eagle	1		1a	1a	1	1				1		
Northern Harrier			5		1		2					
Sharp-shinned Hawk						1						
Cooper's Hawk											1	
Red-tailed Hawk		2		12		5			5	4	1	3
Western races			1		14		7	1				
Ferruginous Hawk				6	2						2	
Rough-legged Hawk	2			2	1							
Buteo species	2											
Golden Eagle					2		2					1
American Kestrel	1		1	8	7		5		9		1	3
Merlin						1	1					
Prairie Falcon			1				2				1	1
Virginia Rail							2					
American Coot	3		2	130	90	7	5	40				
Killdeer			3	1	3		1		1		2	
American Avocet					1							
Common Snipe			2									
Ring-billed Gull	321		4	28	180	7		24				
California Gull	1			2	1							
Herring Gull				1								
Rock Dove	12	20	3	218	20	3	80	3	35	2		
Mourning Dove							3	2				
Great Horned Owl			1n	1	1	2n	2n				1	
Belted Kingfisher		1	2	5		1	1	2				
Lewis' Woodpecker					7							
Red-headed Woodpecker					1							
Downy Woodpecker								4				
"Rocky Mountain" race					2		2			1	1	1
Eastern races			3	1	1							
Hairy Woodpecker									1			

SPECIES	1 NDL	2 RRP	8 BAR	9 SPR	15 NBC	16 CSP	22 CSA	23 WRG	29 CHR	11 LOM	18 CHA	25 ROX
Northern Flicker												
"Red-shafted" race	7	3	6	4	3	5	5	13	3		9	5
Horned Lark							3		40			
Steller's Jay		3			5				1	5		1
Blue Jay					1		2		8			
Western Scrub-Jay		10					3		5			12
Black-billed Magpie	9	1	16	21	12	17	15	19	35	5	5	3
American Crow	9	10		2	30	2	10	2	30	5	12	2
Common Raven		5			2	2	4		2	7	2	3
Black-capped Chickadee		7	12	7	4	15	10	6	5		8	16
Mountain Chickadee		6	4		2				8	4		1
Red-breasted Nuthatch										2		
White-breasted Nuthatch			2		1				1			
Pygmy Nuthatch		5							2	12		
Brown Creeper			4				1					
Canyon Wren							1					1
American Dipper		4			1							
Western Bluebird									25			2
Mountain Bluebird					35	40	15		10	4	6	
Townsend's Solitaire		2							4	1		
American Robin	11		38	49	45	15	30	12	45	1	30	2
American Pipit							1					
Northern Shrike			1		1							
European Starling	6		45	380	40	25	180	25	45		40	
Spotted Towhee							4		1			7
Canyon Towhee							2					
American Tree Sparrow			4								20	
Song Sparrow		5	11	9	3	2	5	6			7	
Golden-crowned Sparrow		1										
White-crowned Sparrow				33								
"Gambel's" race							5					
Harris Sparrow				1								
Dark-eyed Junco					22	1		2		5	36	5
"White-winged" race		2								4		1
"Slate-colored" race		2										
"Oregon" race		10	25				10					
"Pink-sided" race		4		3					2	2		
"Gray-headed" race		15	2						2			
Red-winged Blackbird	15		150	420	100	5	150	30	12		19	
Western Meadowlark			9	1	5	2	30		3		9	2
Brewer's Blackbird				4								
Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch		100										
Black Rosy-Finch		1										
Brown-capped Rosy-Finch		1										
Cassin's Finch					9							
House Finch		30	5	46	6	4	25	2	15	6	18	
Red Crossbill					4					2		
Pine Siskin		3			3				1	4		
American Goldfinch			2	1	7		6					
Evening Grosbeak					5							
House Sparrow		10	30	60	25		10	10	15		22	
TOTAL SPECIES	21	24	44	46	64	27	50	27	30	19	25	25
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	1358	265	1393	2382	1451	211	1105	373	374	81	269	160

ADDITIONAL REPORTS - MARCH 1997

SPECIES	Date	Count	Location	County	Observers
♦ Tufted Duck	3/21-23	1m	Cottonwood Marsh, Walden Ponds	Boulder	Myron Plooster, mo (F)
Thayer's Gull	3/9	1fw	Cherry Creek Reservoir	Arapahoe	Sherry Chapman
Lesser Black-backed Gull	3/18	1a	Cherry Creek Reservoir	Arapahoe	Bob Brown
Great Black-backed Gull	3/10	1a	Cherry Creek Reservoir	Arapahoe	Sherry Chapman
Eurasian Collared-Dove	3/2	2	Rocky Ford	Otero	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
Barn Owl	3/27	1h	835 Harmony Dr., Pueblo West	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Acorn Woodpecker	3/21	1	Meadow Rd. southwest of Durango	La Plata	Dan Bridges
Black Phoebe	3/21	2	Uravan bridge	Montrose	Dan Bridges
Curve-billed Thrasher	3/2	1	Near Himalaya Rd. and 26th Ave., Aurora	Adams	Aaron Sell
Common Redpoll	3/6	4	Lyons Park, Lyons	Boulder	Jean Maguire

a = adult, sba = sub-adult, m = male, f = female, fp = female plumage (could be immature), j = juvenile, i = immature, d = dead, fym = first year male, fw = first winter, br = breeding plumage, nb = near breeding plumage, b = banded, w = winter plumage, n = nesting, c = calling, s = singing, h = heard, (F) = form submitted

NOTE TO MARCH ADDITIONAL SIGHTINGS

Please note that the Board of Directors have implemented a new reporting guide for submitting Additional Sightings for *The Lark Bunting*. These guidelines and reporting form are attached.

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UPCOMING DFO FIELD TRIPS

May 3, Saturday (WRG)

Wheat Ridge Greenbelt

Leader: Ruth Breckon 403-4513

Meet leader at 0830 at Prospect Park Lake, south of W. 44th Ave. just east of Robb St. Lunch optional.

May 3, Saturday (CCW)

Canon City Riverwalk

Leader: David Pantle, 719-275-8208

Meet local coordinators, Harold and Betty Oliver, 936-6902, at the Southmoor Park-n-Ride at 0700. From I-25, take Hampden Ave. east to Monaco, then south 0.3 miles to Magnolia Way. Park-n-Ride is on the right. Meet in the northeast corner. Spend the day on the river looking for Gray Flycatcher, Black-chinned Hummingbird and Green Heron. This trip can be combined with Sunday's trip to Pueblo for a weekend outing. Contact the Olivers if you plan on going either or both days so that carpools can be arranged and meeting times and places can be clearly communicated. There is a Day's Inn at Canon City, 719-269-1100. Bring lunch.

May 4, Sunday (PZO)

Pueblo Zoo and Aiken Canyon

Leader: Susan Craig, 719-591-0322

Contact local coordinators, Harold and Betty Oliver, 936-6902 if you plan on going. Meet leader at 0600 at the main entrance of the Pueblo Zoo, 3455 Nuckolls Ave. From US 50 turn right on CO 45 (Pueblo Blvd.), which only goes south. Continue for approximately four miles, turn left (east) at Goodnight. There is a recreational complex with City Park and Zoo, follow the signs to the zoo. We will observe birds from 0600 to 0700, watch banding demonstration from 0700 to 1000, then depart for Aiken Canyon which is about 20 miles from Pueblo where we will spend the day birding. If weather is cold or rainy, banding will not occur. Full Day Trip. Bring lunch.

May 16 and 17, Friday and Saturday (PNG)

Pawnee National Grassland overnight

Leader: Gail Evans, 758-2231

Call leader to reserve place. Meet leader early Friday evening at Crow Valley Campground on Weld CR 77, 1.25 miles northwest of Briggsdale. We will bird the campground until dark and begin again at dawn on Saturday. Later we will visit some unexplored corners of the Grassland. Those going must call leader to reserve a camping spot, as only a limited number of spaces have been set aside for DFO. Bring camping gear, food for three meals and a full tank of gas. Others, unable to spend the night, may meet the leader at Crow Valley at 0600 on Saturday.

May 17, Saturday (BAR)

Barr Lake State Park

Leader: Bob Righter, 692-8529

Meet leader at 0630 at the Nature Center at Barr Lake State Park. Bring lunch. State Parks Pass required. This trip is especially good for novice birders and new members.

May 17, Saturday (PRP)

Parker Regional Park

Leader: Steve Kennedy, 690-8265

Meet leader at 0800 in park parking lot. From Main St. intersection in Parker, go south on Parker Rd. (CO 83) for 1.2 miles. Turn right on Indian Pipe Lane to parking lot on right. This trip is for beginners only. Leader is a very patient teacher. Lunch optional.

May 18, Sunday (ROX)

Roxborough State Park, Carpenter Peak

Leader: Doris Cruze, 798-8072

Meet leader at 0800 at the Nature Center at Roxborough State Park. This is a five mile, moderate hike with a gain of 1,000 feet. It is oak habitat near a stream which opens out into a meadow full of bluebirds. Golden Eagles and other foothill species should be seen. Call leader or Roxborough for directions. Bring lunch, water and snacks. State Parks Pass required. This trip is especially good for novice birders and new members.

May 21, Wednesday (CSW)

Colorado Springs Wildlife Area and Hanna Ranch

Leader: David Laliberte, 297-2504

Meet leader at the Denver Museum of Natural History, east end of north parking lot in City Park at Colorado Blvd. and Montview at 0600. Green heron, migrant warblers, and passerines should be seen. Trip involves a couple miles of gentle hiking. Bring lunch. This trip is especially good for novice birders and new members.

May 24-26, Saturday-Monday (CLW)

Crescent Lake Wildlife Area, Nebraska

Leader: Jackie King, 287-1644

Meet leader at 0700 at the Denver Museum of Natural History. We will stop at Tamarack Ranch, Prewitt Reservoir, and Ash Hollow State Park on Saturday. Bring lunches for all three days, breakfast will be at a convenience store which has a microwave. We will stay at the Shady Rest Motel 308-772-4115, single \$26, double \$32, plus tax. The wildlife refuge is known for nesting shorebirds and waterfowl. Nebraska State Parks Pass required. Come prepared for rain and wind. We will return on Monday afternoon. Please call leader so that carpools can be arranged.

May 24, Saturday (SWS)

Southwest Suburban, to include Highline Canal, McClellan Reservoir, Plum Creek, Louviers and Daniels Park

Leader: Lynn Willcockson, 757-7000

Meet at 0730 south of Albertson's on northwest corner of S. Broadway and County Line Rd. Bring lunch.

May 25, Sunday (GPK)

Genesee Park and other foothills areas

Leader: Patty Echelmeyer, 233-4947

Meet leader 0730 RTD Park-n-Ride, northeast corner of W. 4th Ave. and Union Blvd. south of W. 6th Ave. Hummingbirds, Williamson Sapsucker, pewees, other foothills and mountain birds are likely. Bring lunch.

May 26, Monday (LWR)

Lower White Ranch

Diana Mullineaux, 278-7245

Meet leader 0730 at the RTD Park'n Ride at Ward Rd. and I-70. Lunch optional. Blue Grosbeak and other foothills species.

May 31-June 1, Saturday-Sunday (BON)

Bonnie Reservoir

Leaders: Hugh and Urling Kingery, 333-0161

Meet leaders 0500. Register with leader so that camping, carpools and food can be arranged. This is a joint trip with Denver Audubon Society. Bring breakfast and lunch for both days. Potluck supper on Saturday night. Since the area is on the western border of Kansas, eastern species may be seen.

May 31, Saturday (RIG)

Rigli Ranch

Leader: Joe Rigli, 970-432-5200

Meet local coordinator, Ed Holub, 979-2194 at 0630 at the Denver Museum of Natural History, or join group at 0715 at the Pepper Pod Restaurant in Hudson (turn right from exit ramp). Meet leader at ranch. From Hudson, go east on CO 52 until it turns north. Don't turn north but continue east on Morgan County Rd F to CR 14, then turn north about one mile to first house on left by boxcars. Bring lunch and extra water. Contact local coordinator to facilitate carpooling.

June 7-8, Saturday-Sunday (GRJ)

Grand Junction area, to include Colorado National Monument

Leader: Jack Reddall, 771-5308

Meet leader at 0630 on Saturday, June 7 at the west entrance to the Colorado National Monument. On I-70 travel west from Grand Junction approximately 12 miles to exit 19 at Fruita, then south to west entrance of the monument. There are motels available in the Grand Junction area, or camping at Island Acres State Park east of Grand Junction. Trip will conclude early Sunday afternoon. There will be a moderate walk of up to 4.0 miles on Saturday. We will look for Gray Vireo, Gray Flycatcher,

Black-throated Sparrow, Sage Sparrow, Scott's Oriole and Chukar. Bring lunch for Saturday and Sunday and extra water. State Parks Pass required.

Scheduled by Jackie King, 287-1644.

SPRING COUNT

For the Spring Count, call the leader in advance, or simply arrive promptly at the designated meeting place except for the trip to the Rocky Mountain Arsenal. Bring lunch, water and good walking shoes.

May 7, Wednesday (CCR)

Cherry Creek Reservoir

Leader: Mort Staatz, 279-6169

Meet at 0700 at west gate near Cherry Creek High School. State Parks Pass required.

May 10, Saturday (LBC)

Lower Bear Creek

Leaders: Bob Spencer, 279-4682 and Mary Jane Schock, 922-3144

Meet at 0630 at southwest corner of Bear Valley Shopping Center behind Conoco. Bear Valley Shopping Center is on the east side of S. Sheridan, north of Hampden (US 285)

May 10, Saturday (CHA)

Chatfield State Park

Leader: Joey Kellner, 978-1748

Meet at 0600 at the swim beach parking lot. State Parks Pass required.

May 10, Saturday (WAC)

Waterton Canyon

Leader: Hugh Kingery, 333-0161

Meet at 0600 at the Waterton Bridge.

May 10, Saturday (BAR)

Barr Lake State Park

Leader: Dick Schottler, 278-8035

Meet at 0600 at the entrance station to Barr Lake State Park. This is a ten mile, all day hike around the lake. State Parks Pass required.

May 11, Sunday (BLP)

Barr Lake Periphery

Leader: Jackie King, 287-1644

Meet at 0630 at the intersection of Picadilly Rd. and Bromely Lane. This trip does not involve much walking and would be good for people with limited mobility or stamina.

May 11, Sunday (CAC)

Castlewood Canyon State Park

Leader: Randy Lentz, 680-3381

Meet at 0600 at old entrance. From CO 86, 0.5 miles west of Franktown, turn south on Castlewood Canyon Rd., go two miles to old entrance. State Parks Pass required.

May 11, Sunday (RMA)

Rocky Mountain Arsenal

Leader: Urling Kingery, 333-0161

Must register with leader in advance as number of observers is limited.

FIELD TRIP GUIDELINES

The following guidelines should be followed when participating in a DFO Field Trip:

Call the Colorado Rare Bird Alert before going on a field trip to determine if there have been any cancellations or changes in schedule.

Carpool if possible so the leader will have fewer cars to keep track of and get parked at stops. Carpooling also saves gasoline and reduces air pollution. Stay reasonably close to the group whether en route or on foot.

Do not leave the group without notifying the leader. Everyone is expected to share in the mileage expenses on scheduled DFO field trips. The suggested share is 10 cents per mile divided by the number of people in the car including the driver.

Accommodations can usually be made for persons with disabilities. Contact Jackie King, 303-287-1644.



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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING ON THE FIRST WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER THROUGH MAY, EXCEPT FOR DECEMBER, AT 7:30 PM, DENVER MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, RICKETSON AUDITORIUM

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, September 3, 1997

Program: To be announced

NOTE: Please call the Colorado Rare Bird Alert for special DFO Meeting announcements or cancellations

***** Colorado Rare Bird Alert - 424-2144 *****

FIELD TRIP SUMMARY APRIL 1997

April 5, Saturday (RRP)
Red Rocks, Lair o' the Bear, Morrison and Bear Creek Lake Parks

Leaders: Glenn and Jeane Hageman
0800-1545. 28 miles by car, 3.0 miles on foot.
Partly cloudy to cloudy, intermittent snow.
Wind east 0-10 mph, 30-41°F.
Observers: Norm Lewis, Calaine Ohmert.
40 species. 905 individuals.

April 6, Sunday (WCW)
Weld County wetlands to include Lochbuie, Hudson, Lower Latham and Greeley area

Leader: Dick Pratt
0830-1630. 70 miles by car, zero miles on foot.
Wind 30 mph, 30-50°F.
Observers: Carolyn Cooley, Jeff Dunning, Kathy Dunning, Tom Hablitzel, Randy Lentz, Norm Lewis, Chris Mendez, Richard Mendez, Debbie Westbrook, Amy Young.
67 species. 2,467 individuals.

April 12, Saturday (CCR)
Cherry Creek Reservoir

Leader: Steve Stachowiak
0700-1140. 5 miles by car, 3.0 miles on foot.
Partly cloudy, calm, 12°F.

Observers: Dan Brachear, Mary Burger, Gail Evans, Mookie McKim, Vic Zerbi.
51 species. 958 individuals.

April 13, Sunday (PRP)
Parker Regional and Castlewood Canyon State Parks

Leader: David Quesenberry
0730-1130. 20 miles by car, 3.0 miles on foot.
Clear, calm, 19-33°F.
Observers: Ric Olson, Chris Blakeslee.
40 species. 332 individuals.

April 18-20, Friday-Sunday (WRY)
Wray area for Greater Prairie Chicken, to include Bijou Reservoir, Muir Springs, Bonny State Park and Last Chance

Leader: Karleen Schofield
28.5 hours birding. 500 miles by car, 2.0 miles on foot.
Sunny to partly cloudy, wind variable, 40-75°F.
Observers: Marlene Andrews, Patty Echelmeyer, Warren Finch, Glenn Hageman, Jeane Hageman, Al Hay, Dee Hay, Jean Morgan, John Sprague.
92 species. 3,424 individuals.

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The Denver Field Ornithologists was organized as the Colorado Bird Club in 1935, and membership is open to anyone interested in the birds of the Denver area in particular, and the birds of Colorado in general. The DFO presents monthly evening programs (except in the summer) and conducts about 100 field trips annually.

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April 19-20, Saturday and Sunday (KNE)

Kearney, Nebraska

Leader: Jackie King

0700 April 19-2100 April 20. 830 miles by car,
1.5 miles on foot.

Partly cloudy to clear Saturday, misty Sunday
morning to clear. Wind north 10 mph, 40-60°F.

Observers: George Cain, Hilda Cain, Dexter
Williams, Helen Williams, Amy Young.

71 species. 6,903 individuals.

April 19, Saturday (CHA)

Chatfield State Park

Carolyn Cooley

0800-1330. 5 miles by car, 1.5 miles on foot.

Clear, wind west 10 mph, 60-70°F.

Observers: Laura Lunsford, Eva Scott, Jo Scott,
George Armbrust, Chris Owens, Richard
Mendez, Ruth Davis.

43 species. 537 individuals.

April 20, Sunday (NED)

Plains birding northeast of Denver

Leader: David Laliberte

0800-1730. 122 miles by car.

0.15 miles on foot.

Clear to overcast, wind southeast to northwest
1-20 mph, 45-70°F.

Observers: George Armbrust, Sherry Chapman,
Jeff Dunning, Kathy Dunning, Jim Fredlund,
Keith Kreider, Liz Kreider, Mookie McKim,
Mort Staatz, Jean Tarbel, Jean Young, Richard
Young.

68 species. 3,802 individuals.

April 26, Saturday (BAR)

Barr Lake State Park

Leader: Ric Olson

0730-1130. 5 miles by car, 2.0 miles on foot.

Cloudy, snow mixed with rain, wind north-
northwest 13-18 mph, 33-38°F.

Observers: George Armbrust, Bob Bierling,
Carolyn Cooley, Gail Evans, David Quesenberry,
Gene Rutherford, Tim Schowalter.

58 species. 1,419 individuals.

April 27, Sunday (WRG)

Wheat Ridge Greenbelt

Leader: Mort Staatz

0730-1200. Zero miles by car, 2.0 miles on foot.

Clear, calm, 40-65°F.

Observers: Luane Battey, Dan Brachear, Kathy

Emonack, Jim Fischer, Sonja Hahn, Marilyn

Jarapko, Liz Kreider, David Laliberte, Pat

Miller, Eileen Parker, Tim Parker, Dave

Quesenberry, Joe TenBrink.

39 species. 304 individuals.

TUESDAY BIRDERS

April 1, Tuesday (WAL)

Walden Ponds, Boulder

Leader: Ann Bonnell. 27 observers.

0900-1200. Zero miles by car, 2.0 miles on foot.

Clear to cloudy, wind west 10-25 mph, 45°F.

35 species. 402 individuals.

April 8, Tuesday

Trip canceled due inclement weather

April 15, Tuesday (DIR)

Dinosaur Ridge Hawk Watch and

Matthews/Winters Park

Leader: Ann Bonnell. 30 observers.

0900-1230. 1 mile by car, 1.5 miles on foot.

Mostly sunny, wind northwest 3-10 mph,

46-51°F. 21 species. 95 individuals.

April 22, Tuesday (STL)

Standley Lake Eagle Watch and Westminster

Reservoir

Leader: Eleanor Hoover. 4 observers.

0900-1100. Zero miles by car, 1.5 miles on foot.

Partly cloudy, wind west to north 5-8 mph,

45-48°F. 21 species. 228 individuals.

April 22-24, Tuesday-Thursday (EPL)

Eastern Plains to include Castle Rock, Kiowa,

Limon, Lamar, Neenoshe and Two Buttes

Reservoirs, Elkhart, Kansas, Cimarron and

Comanche National Grasslands, Cottonwood

and Carrizo Canyons

Leader: Ann Bonnell. 29 observers.

895 miles by car, 1.0 miles on foot.

Sunny to rain and snow, wind 0-20 mph, 36-

70°F. 92 species. 2,696 individuals.

April 29, Tuesday

(WTC)

Waterton Canyon

Leader: Ann Bonnell. 19 observers.

0900-1330. Zero miles by car, 6.5 miles on foot.

Partly cloudy, wind variable, 50-65°F.

42 species. 141 individuals.

Compiler, Monna Krebs

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NOTE ON ADDITIONAL SIGHTINGS

Because of many member concerns, the officers of Denver Field Ornithologists have made the decision to reconsider the Additional Sightings Guidelines which were printed in the April 1997 issue of The Lark Bunting.

Beginning immediately with this issue, we will follow the previously used guidelines, as last printed in November 1996.

SPECIES	5 RRP	6 WCW	12 CCR	13 PRP	18-20 WRY	19-20 KNE	19 CHA	20 NED	26 BAR	27 WRG	1 WAL	15 DIR	22 STL	22-24 EPL	29 WTC
Common Loon							1		1						
Pied-billed Grebe			1		1		1	4			4				
Horned Grebe	106		1		3		8	5	2		1				
Eared Grebe	1				8								2		
Western Grebe			98	3	80	26	10	8					1		
American White Pelican		62			93	215	1	16	18						
Double-crested Cormorant	4	19	9		204	150	30	5	16	6	1	5	20	2	
Great Blue Heron	3	4	3	5	12	12	10	10	20		1			7	1
Black-crowned Night-Heron						2				1					
White-faced Ibis								15							
Snow Goose "White" morph		6				110									
Canada Goose	12	90	17	7	49	90	20	13	16	22	45		30		4
Wood Duck		2			1	6	2							2	
Green-winged Teal		48	72	5	18	60		54	2		5			4	
Mallard	17	170	39	7	28	35	6	30	30	14	7		27	40	6
Northern Pintail		32	3		10	4		10	4					1	
Blue-winged Teal		1	2		22	56		11	25	10				2	
Cinnamon Teal		38	3	3	3			45	10		2			8	
Northern Shoveler	1	60	63	5	65	30	5	53	400	4	6			15	
Gadwall	6	125	70	10	61	28	5	13	150	7	20			20	
American Wigeon		31	5	4	76	40		21	100	15	9			2	
Canvasback								2			3				
Redhead		6	2	2	4	12			5		16				
Ring-necked Duck		2		2				3		3	25			4	
Lesser Scaup	1	4	22	50	36	46		9	70	22	7			20	
Common Goldeneye		1				13		4			1				
Bufflehead		6	2	30	7	1		4	12		6				
Hooded Merganser											3				
Common Merganser	14	50	5		12	1	15								2
Red-breasted Merganser	24				18			3							
Ruddy Duck		2		4	111	18		7	2						
Turkey Vulture			1	4	17		10					7		15	4
Osprey			3			2	1							1	
Bald Eagle		4			1a1i	2		2				2	1		
Northern Harrier		7	1m		7	10		7	1					18	
Sharp-shinned Hawk			1		2		1					4		3	
Cooper's Hawk		1			1							5		1	1
Northern Goshawk					1										1
Accipiter species				1											
Broad-winged Hawk															1
Swainson's Hawk			1		9	10		25	4	1			2	19	
Red-tailed Hawk		5		2	8	22	1	3		1		14	1	16	3
Harlan's race														1	
Western races	4								1						
Ferruginous Hawk					2	4								5	
Rough-legged Hawk					1	2		1							
Buteo species					9									11	
Golden Eagle	2	2			1	1						2			
American Kestrel	5	14	1		12	15	4	10	8			1	12	21	3
Prairie Falcon	1					1								2	
Ring-necked Pheasant		1	2		12.5h				3					6	
Greater Prairie-Chicken					29m, 6f										
Lesser Prairie-Chicken														6m1f	
Wild Turkey					12	1								1	
Northern Bobwhite					5										
Scaled Quail														7	

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Virginia Rail		2	2		3h										
Sora														1	
American Coot		10	26	2	96	100	20	8	20	2	100			16	
Sandhill Crane		132				3250		7							
Killdeer	4	30	5	7	13	13	2	11	18		4			15	
Mountain Plover		2													
Black-necked Stilt								3							
American Avocet		30			1			62							
Greater Yellowlegs		24			1			13	2					1	
Lesser Yellowlegs		2							30					5	
Willet								5							
Spotted Sandpiper														1	
Long-billed Curlew					2									49	
Marbled Godwit								2	1					1	
Western Sandpiper						8		8							
Baird's Sandpiper						5									
Long-billed Dowitcher		1				26									
Common Snipe		1		2	2	2		8	1h		2				
Wilson's Phalarope														3	
Franklin's Gull		4			50	6	14	60	30					24	
Bonaparte's Gull					9										
Ring-billed Gull	3	450	60		39	100	50			16			20		2
California Gull	1	20	38		13		5	1							
Herring Gull			8												
Forster's Tern					3										
Rock Dove	24	10	3	10	36	60		5	2	3	3	4		30	
Mourning Dove		6		2	98	28	1	49	40	6			2	358	3
Greater Roadrunner														2	
Barn Owl														1	
Eastern Screech-Owl										1					
Great Horned Owl		3	1a3i		7	2	3	4	1a3i					5	
Burrowing Owl		2			16			5						5	
White-throated Swift															11
Broad-tailed Hummingbird															6
Belted Kingfisher	1	3			1	5	3	1	2	2				1	4
Lewis, Woodpecker														1	
Red-bellied Woodpecker					1										
Red-naped Sapsucker										1					
Downy Woodpecker			1						2	4					2
"Rocky Mountain" race							1								
Eastern races					3,1h										
Hairy Woodpecker					2										
Eastern race															
Northern Flicker		3											3	2	3
"Yellow-shafted" race					19	2									
"Red-shafted" race	12		4	10	12	1	4	2	10	15					
Eastern Phoebe														4	
Say's Phoebe					1							1		8	1
Western Kingbird						2									
Sissor-tailed Flycatcher														2	
Horned Lark		10			123	12		5	2					512	
Tree Swallow					30					1					2
Violet-green Swallow							1								7
No. Rough-winged Swallow							5								
Bank Swallow															2
Cliff Swallow						5									2
Barn Swallow						46		13	8					2	
Swallow species												2		1	

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Blue Jay		1			7			1						1	
Western Scrub-Jay	4			6								6		1	
Pinyon Jay														1	
Black-billed Magpie	13	14	23	10	35	13	30	11	6	10	2	6	5	31	2
American Crow	4	1	4	5	9	11	5	2		2	3	5		14	2
Common Raven	2			2			2				1	5			1
Raven species														7	
Black-capped Chickadee	9	1	3	4	16	3	5	2	22	2	2	4		1	1
Mountain Chickadee				10								2			
White-breasted Nuthatch				3		1				2					1
Rock Wren					1,1h				1			1		7	
Canyon Wren				3										1	3
House Wren									1						
Marsh Wren			1					3		1h					
American Dipper	2														6
Ruby-crowned Kinglet					1										1
Eastern Bluebird					4	1								1	
Western Bluebird	27					2									
Mountain Bluebird	2	6	2	8			6							51	
Townsend's Solitaire	6			1										1	3
Hermit Thrush									2	1					
American Robin	511	12	242	20	301	65	100	12	60	30	23	12	6	20	2
Northern Mockingbird															1
American Pipit		5			3			1h							
Cedar Waxwing						2									
Loggerhead Shrike					2			1	1					12	
European Starling	31	115	3		145	25	100	57	150	15	45		5	55	10
Yellow-rumped Warbler														14	4
"Myrtle" race					1				2	6				4	5
"Audubon's" race									5	15				1	3
Northern Cardinal						2									
Spotted Towhee	1			1	1		2		2	1h					3
Canyon Towhee														4	
American Tree Sparrow		1				2					5				
Chipping Sparrow														2	
Clay-colored Sparrow						1									
Vesper Sparrow					21			2	4					75	
Lark Sparrow														2	
Sage Sparrow														1	
Lark Bunting		1												20	
Savannah Sparrow														1	
Grasshopper Sparrow														1	
Song Sparrow	4	2	34	6	3	7	3	6	10	7			1	1	1
Lincoln's Sparrow			1							1					1
White-crowned Sparrow		6	2		32			1						33	
"Gambel's" race									25						
Dark-eyed Junco	5			6	3							3			
"Slate-colored" race	2														
"Oregon" race	1														
"Pink-sided" race	2		1												
"Gray-headed" race	1														
Chestnut-collared Longspur					8										
Red-winged Blackbird	5	560	37	50	204	1290	1	953	70	20	40		33	321	11
Western Meadowlark	14	23	18	10	286	53	30	38	15		2	4	10	400	5
Eastern Meadowlark														2	
Yellow-headed Blackbird		100			64	175		1940	20		1		2	83	
Brewer's Blackbird		10			10			8						18	
Great-tailed Grackle					2	20			6					2	

SPECIES	5	6	12	13	18-20	19-20	19	20	26	27	1	15	22	22-24	29
	RRP	WCW	CCR	PRP	WRY	KNE	CHA	NED	BAR	WRG	WAL	DIR	STL	EPL	WTC
Common Grackle		20			528	450	10	80	90	6	1		12	127	
Brown-headed Cowbird					65				1	1h					
Cassin's Finch	1														
House Finch	10	1	3	10	4	10	3	1			2		7	4	2
Pine Siskin					13									1	
American Goldfinch			2		17	2				12				12	
Evening Grosbeak														6	
House Sparrow	2	50	4		52	70		48	4	15	4		4	25	3
TOTAL SPECIES	40	67	51	40	92	71	43	68	58	39	35	21	21	92	42
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	905	2467	958	332	3424	6903	537	3802	1419	304	402	95	228	2696	141

ADDITIONAL REPORTS - APRIL 1997

SPECIES	Date	Count	Location	County	Observers
Neotropical Cormorant	4/23	1	Over Dinosaur Ridge	Jefferson	Brian Sullivan
Glossy Ibis	4/26	1a	4.7 miles west of Las Animas on CO 194	Bent	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
Ross' Goose	4/13	3	Near Lake Holbrook	Otero	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
	4/27	1a	Antero Reservoir	Park	Tony Leukering, Sue Bonfield
♦ Tufted Duck	4/23	1	Small lake north of 74th Ave. and east of the South Platte River	Adams	C. W. Bill Huntley
Greater Scaup	4/19	2am, 1f	Ponds along I-76 near Sheridan Blvd.	Denver	Tony Leukering, Bill Maynard, Peter Gaede
	4/20	1am, 1f	Prospect Reservoir	Weld	Tony Leukering, Larry Norris
Broad-winged Hawk	4/20	1	Wheat Ridge Greenbelt	Jefferson	Lea Ann Brown, Bob Brown
	4/29	21	Dinosaur Ridge	Jefferson	Brian Sullivan, mo
	4/30	24	Dinosaur Ridge	Jefferson	Brian Sullivan, mo
Merlin	4/16	1am	Dinosaur Ridge	Jefferson	Tony Leukering, Brian Sullivan
	4/28	1	Valco Ponds	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Peregrine Falcon	4/16	1	Valco Ponds	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
	4/26	1	Fort Lyon Wildlife Easement	Bent	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
Sharp-tailed Grouse	4/13	6	4 miles south of Tamarack Ranch	Logan	Dan Bridges
Snowy Plover	4/6	2	Neenoshe Reservoir	Kiowa	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
	4/13	1	Lake Cheraw	Otero	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
Short-billed Dowitcher	4/23	1	Lake Cheraw	Otero	Dan Bridges
Thayer's Gull	4/20	1fw	Jackson Reservoir	Morgan	Tony Leukering, Larry Norris
Lesser Black-backed Gull	4/1	1a	Cherry Creek Reservoir	Arapahoe	Bob Brown
Great Black-backed Gull	4/26	1fy	Neenoshe Reservoir	Kiowa	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
Least Tern	4/30	1a	Lake Holbrook	Otero	Brandon Percival, Bob Dickson
Eurasian Collared-Dove	4/13-26	1-3	Rocky Ford	Otero	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
Long-eared Owl	4/6	1	Lake Holbrook	Otero	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
	4/20	2	Fort Lyon Wildlife Easement	Bent	Dan Bridges
	4/26	1	Upper Queens Reservoir	Kiowa	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
Boreal Owl	4/18	1	CO 14 at exit to Joe Wright Reservoir	Larimer	Ric Olson
	4/20	1s	North of Silverthorne	Summit	Sue Bonfield
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	4/6	1m	Hasty Campground	Bent	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
Vermilion Flycatcher	4/29	1f	Dry Cimarron River	Baca	Dan Bridges
Yellow-throated Vireo	4/29	1	Lamar Community College Woods	Prowers	Dan Bridges
Nashville Warbler	4/30	1m	Cottonwood Canyon	Baca	Brandon Percival, Bob Dickson
Northern Parula	4/28	1m	Mineral Park Palace	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos, mo
Blk-throated Green Warbler	4/30	1m	Fort Lyon Wildlife Easement	Bent	Brandon Percival, Bob Dickson
Black-throated Sparrow	4/30	2	Rd. E south of La Junta	Otero	Brandon Percival, Bob Dickson
Golden-crowned Sparrow	4/30	1	Red Rocks Park	Jefferson	Brian Sullivan, Bill Seng
Harris' Sparrow	4/19	1a, 1i	Silverthorne	Summit	Sue Bonfield

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Burke Angstman	8806 W. Iliff Ave., Lakewood, 80227-3001	H-987-0861 W-296-3600
Doris Hiatt	822 Custer, Colorado Springs, 80903	719-635-3769
Judy Richardson	1441 Humboldt, #502, Denver, 80218	831-9237
Steve and Anne Segal	6473 Willow Broom Trail, Littleton, 80125	978-9062
Anne West-Miles and Susan West	1890 S. Niagara Wy., Denver, 80224-2218	691-2903

UPCOMING DFO FIELD TRIPS

June 1, Sunday (BAR)

Barr Lake State Park

Leaders: Lee and Marilyn Rowe, 659-8069

Meet at 0800 at the Nature Center at park. Easy trail but will walk up to three miles. Half day trip. State Parks Pass required.

June 7, Saturday (CSP)

Chatfield State Park

Leader: Bobbie Ausfahl, 798-0552

Meet at 0730 at the fee station inside the west entrance of Chatfield State Park. From C470 take Wadsworth Blvd. south 1.5 miles to entrance. Easy trail but will walk up to two miles. Half day trip. Bring lunch. State Parks Pass required. Good trip for new birders.

June 8, Sunday (APX)

Apex Park

Leader: Warren Finch, 233-3372

Meet at 0600 at the lower Heritage Square parking lot off CO93 just north of US 40. Will hike Apex trail for warblers, vireos and flycatchers. Grouse are possible. Trail is steep in places. Bring lunch and extra water.

June 7-8, Saturday-Sunday (GRJ)

Grand Junction area to include Colorado National Monument

Leader: Jack Reddall, 771-5308

Meet leader at 0630 on Saturday, June 7 at the west entrance to the Colorado National Monument. On I-70 travel west from Grand Junction approximately 12 miles to exit 19 at Fruita, then south to west entrance of the monument. There are motels available in the Grand Junction area, or camping at Island Acres

State Park east of Grand Junction. Trip will conclude early Sunday afternoon. There will be a moderate walk of up to 4.0 miles on Saturday. We will look for Gray Vireo, Gray Flycatcher, Black-throated Sparrow, Sage Sparrow, Scott's Oriole and Chukar. Bring lunch for Saturday and Sunday and extra water. State Parks Pass required.

June 14, Saturday (FCP)

Fountain Creek Regional Park and Hanna Ranch

Leader: Ed Holub, 979-2194

Meet to carpool at 0600 at the northeast corner of Southmoor Park-n-Ride. Take Hampden Ave. east from I-25 to Monaco, then south to Magnolia Way, or meet at 0730 at the north parking area at Fountain Creek Regional Park. From I-25 south of Colorado Springs, take Exit 132. Go east on CO 16 across Fountain Creek to US 85. Turn south then immediately right onto Willow Springs Rd. Continue west in the park, bearing right to parking lot and restrooms. Call leader in advance if carpooling from Denver. Walking distance 4-5 miles. Bring lunch and extra water.

June 15, Sunday (EVR)

Evergreen area

Leader: Bill Brockner, 674-4851

Meet at 0700 at parking lot at west end of Evergreen Lake. Take I-70 west to Evergreen exit and then south on CO 74 to Evergreen Lake and turn right to the west end of the lake then turn left into parking lot. Easy trail and will walk one to two miles to look for flycatchers. Half day trip.

June 21, Saturday (RMP)

Rocky Mountain National Park

Leader: Bob Richter, 692-8529

Meet to carpool at 0615 at the RTD Park-n-Ride on the northeast corner of N. Sheridan Blvd. and W. 88th Ave. next to police station. Or meet leader at 0800 at Park Visitors Center, east of Beaver Meadows entrance. Bring lunch and extra water. U.S. Parks Pass required.

June 22, Sunday (BHP)

Bellmar Historic Park and Sanctuary Park

Leader: Karleen Schofield, 936-8661

Meet at 0800 at the park at 800 S. Wadsworth Blvd., at W. Ohio Ave. Turn west on Ohio Ave. and go into Irongate parking lot near lake. Lots of baby birds. Geese, coots, grebes, ducks, avocets, and blackbirds breed here. This trip especially good for novice birders. Will walk about 2.5 miles on easy trail. Bring lunch and extra water.

June 25, Wednesday (GGC)

Golden Gate Canyon and State Park

Leader: Al Hay, 986-9786

Meet at 0730 at RTD Park-n-Ride at Northwest corner Ward Rd. and I-70. Take Ward Rd. exit off I-70. Good trip for nesting birds of the foothills and mountains. East trail, will walk two to three miles. Bring lunch and extra water. State Parks Pass required.

June 28, Saturday (LLA)

Longmont and Lyons Area

Leader: Bill Prather, 1-303-776-2191

Meet and carpool at 0650 at the RTD Park-n-Ride on 120th Ave. 0.3 miles west of I-25 Exit 223. Or, meet leader at 0730 at Jim Hamm Nature Center. From I-25 take Exit 240. Go four miles west on CO 119 to traffic signal on Boulder-Weld County Line Rd., then two miles north to nature center on left. Good trip for new novice birders and new members. Will walk three miles on easy trail. Bring lunch and extra water.

June 29, Sunday (HAR)

Hack Ranch, Georgia Pass and Milligan Lake

Leader: Carol Hack, 777-7893

Meet to carpool at 0700 at northwest corner of parking lot at Albertson's on S. Sheridan Blvd., just north of US 285, or meet leader at 0830 on US 285 across from Texaco station in Jefferson. Trip will include South Park and areas around Jefferson, Colorado. This trip is good for novice birders or new members. Will walk two-three miles on moderate trails. Bring lunch and extra water.

July 4-6, Friday-Sunday (NOP)

North Park to include Walden, Arapaho National Wildlife Refuge and Colorado State Forest

Leader: Bob Spencer, 279-4682

Meet at 0900 on Friday at the Safeway parking lot in Fraser. Spend Friday and Saturday nights in Walden at the North Park Motel, 970-723-4271. **Make reservations early.** Camping available in primitive campground one mile north of town. Call leader if going. Bring lunch for three days. State Parks Pass required.

Scheduled by Lynn Willcockson, 757-7000

FIELD TRIP GUIDELINES

The following guidelines should be followed when participating in a DFO Field Trip:

Call the Colorado Rare Bird Alert before going on a field trip to determine if there have been any cancellations or changes in schedule.

Carpool if possible so the leader will have fewer cars to keep track of and get parked at stops. Carpooling also saves gasoline and reduces air pollution. Stay reasonably close to the group whether en route or on foot.

Do not leave the group without notifying the leader. Everyone is expected to share in the mileage expenses on scheduled DFO field trips. The suggested share is 10 cents per mile divided by the number of people in the car including the driver.

Accommodations can usually be made for persons with disabilities. Contact Jackie King, 303-287-1644.

AMERICAN BIRDING ASSOCIATION PRINCIPLES OF BIRDING ETHICS

Everyone who enjoys birds and birding must always respect wildlife, its environment, and the rights of others. In any conflict of interest between birds and birders, the welfare of the birds and their environment comes first.

CODE OF BIRDING ETHICS

1. Promote the welfare of birds and their environment.

1(a) Support the protection of important bird habitat.

1(b) - To avoid stressing birds or exposing them to danger, exercise restraint and caution during observation, photography, sound recording, or filming. - Limit the use of recordings and other methods of attracting birds, and never use such methods in heavily birded areas or for attracting any species that is Threatened, Endangered, or of Special Concern, or is rare in your local area. Keep well back from nests and nesting colonies, roosts, display areas, and important feeding sites. In such sensitive areas, if there is a need for extended observation, photography, filming, or recording, try to use a blind or hide, and take advantage of natural cover. - Use artificial light sparingly for filming or photography, especially for close-ups.

1(c) Before advertising the presence of a rare bird, evaluate the potential for disturbance to the bird, its surroundings, and other people in the area, and proceed only if access can be controlled, disturbance can be minimized, and permission has been obtained from private land-owners. The sites of rare nesting birds should be divulged only to the proper conservation authorities.

1(d) Stay on roads, trails, and paths where they exist; otherwise keep habitat disturbance to a minimum.

2. Respect the law and the rights of others.

2(a) Do not enter private property without the owner's explicit permission.

2(b) Follow all laws, rules, and regulations governing use of roads and public areas, both at home and abroad.

2(c) Practice common courtesy in contacts with other people. Your exemplary behavior will generate goodwill with birders and non-birders alike.

3. Ensure that feeders, nest structures, and other artificial bird environments are safe.

3(a) Keep dispensers, water, and food clean and free of decay or disease. It is important to feed birds continually during harsh weather.

3(b) Maintain and clean nest structures regularly.

3(c) If you are attracting birds to an area, ensure the birds are not exposed to predation from cats and other domestic animals, or dangers posed by artificial hazards.

4. Group birding, whether organized or impromptu, requires special care. Each individual in the group, in addition to the obligations spelled out in Items #1 and #2, has responsibilities as a Group Member.

4(a) Respect the interests, rights, and skills of fellow birders, as well as those of people participating in other legitimate outdoor activities. Freely share your knowledge and experience, except where code 1(c) applies. Be especially helpful to beginning birders.

4(b) If you witness unethical birding behavior, assess the situation and intervene if you think it prudent. When interceding, inform the person(s) of the inappropriate action and attempt, within reason, to have it stopped. If the behavior continues, document it and notify appropriate individuals or organizations.

Group Leader Responsibilities [amateur and professional trips and tours].

4(c) Be an exemplary ethical role model for the group. Teach through word and example.

4(d) Keep groups to a size that limits impact on the environment and does not interfere with others using the same area.

4(e) Ensure everyone in the group knows of and practices this code.

4(f) Learn and inform the group of any special circumstances applicable to the areas being visited (e.g., no tape recorders allowed).

4(g) Acknowledge that professional tour companies bear a special responsibility to place the welfare of birds and the benefits of public knowledge ahead of the company's commercial interests. Ideally, leaders should keep track of tour sightings, document unusual occurrences, and submit records to appropriate organizations.

DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS - Membership Information

WELCOME TO THE DFO

PURPOSE: The prime objective of the club is to promote interest in the study and preservation of birds and their habitats. Members are encouraged to learn about birds in the field, noting species and numbers, while learning about their songs and calls, as well as habits and habitats.

REGULAR MEETINGS: The general meetings are held each month (except June, July, August, and December) at 7:30 PM at the Denver Museum of Natural History. Dates and subjects of the meetings are reported on the Colorado Rare Bird Alert (424-2144) and in the *Lark Bunting*. The meetings are open to the public without charge.

FIELD TRIPS: These are scheduled for almost every Saturday and Sunday throughout the year to a variety of habitats near Denver. Occasionally special trips are arranged to good birding areas in other parts of Colorado and surrounding states. Usually it is necessary to bring a lunch, and to wear sturdy hiking shoes or boots. Carpooling is encouraged to get the most from bird watching, as well as to save time and energy. Carpooling cost is 10 cents per mile divided by the number of people in the car including the driver.

BULLETIN: A monthly bulletin, the *Lark Bunting*, is issued to all members, listing field trips scheduled. A complete list of bird seen on the previous month's trips is given in checklist order as are interesting sightings reported by members.

DFO COLORADO RARE BIRD ALERT --- 303-424-2144

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Please indicate:

☐ — NEW

☐ — RENEWAL

All memberships expire December 31, but are valid for the next year if paid after October 1st.

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THE LARK BUNTING

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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING ON THE FIRST WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER THROUGH MAY, EXCEPT FOR DECEMBER, AT 7:30 PM, DENVER MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, RICKETSON AUDITORIUM

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, September 3

Program: To be announced

NOTE: Please call the Colorado Rare Bird Alert for special DFO Meeting announcements or cancellations

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FIELD TRIP SUMMARY MAY 1997

May 3, Saturday (WRG)

Wheat Ridge Greenbelt

Leader: Ruth Breckon

0830-1230. Zero miles by car, 1.5 miles on foot.

Clear, calm, 39-52°F.

Observers: George Cain, Hilda Cain, Ruth Davis, Kathy Emmack, Jim Fisher, Glenn Hageman, Jeane Hageman, April Keller, Doris Lindberg, Eric Lindberg, Gordon Lindberg, Richard Mendez, Helen Standish, Amy Young.
48 species. 419 individuals.

May 3, Saturday (CCW)

Canon City Riverwalk

Leader: David Pantle

0900-1700. 38 miles by car, 3.0 miles on foot.

Clear, wind west 0-5 mph, 60-75°F.

Observers: Ginnie Faxon, Tom Faxon, Betty Oliver, Harold Oliver, Sherrill Pantle, Vito Tursi.
59 species. 410 individuals.

May 4, Sunday (PZO)

Pueblo Zoo and Aiken Canyon

Leader: Susan Craig. Five observers.

0600-0930. Zero miles by car, zero miles on foot. Thin high clouds, wind slight, 50°F.

23 species. 117 individuals.

May 16-17, Friday-Saturday (PNG)

Crow Valley Campground, Pawnee National Grassland, Lower Latham Reservoir

Leader: Gail Evans

May 16, 1400 to May 17, 1500. 60 miles by car, 3.0 miles on foot.

Clear, wind west 1-10 mph, 60-80°F.

Observers: George Armbrust, George Cain, Hilda Cain, Carolyn Cooley, Mary Coyle, Marlene Eggerling, Dick Francois, Kathy Gibson, Louise Hector, Lucy Hoag, Wendell Hoag, Hope Leighton, Jean Morgan, Ric Olson, David Quesenberry, Gene Rutherford, Lisa Sinke, Helen Standish, Chuck Walters, Anne West-Miles, Susan West, Ann Wilson, Rob Wilson.

108 species. 947 individuals.

May 17, Saturday (BAR)

Barr Lake State Park

Leader: Bob Righter

0630-1200. 50-80°F.

Observers: Peter Gent, Doug Hodous, Jan Hodous, Richard Mendez, Chris Owens, Tim Schowalter, Ann Southcott, Mort Staatz.
52 species, 560 individuals.

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The Denver Field Ornithologists was organized as the Colorado Bird Club in 1935, and membership is open to anyone interested in the birds of the Denver area in particular, and the birds of Colorado in general. The DFO presents monthly evening programs (except in the summer) and conducts about 100 field trips annually.

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May 17, Saturday

(PRP)

Parker Regional Park

Leader: Steve Kennedy

0800-1200. Zero miles by car, 1.0 miles on foot.
Sunny to partly cloudy, wind south 0-5 mph,
56-77°F.

Observers: Mary Burger, Peggy Gonder, Ellie
Jones, Debbie Kennedy, Joe TenBrink.
51 species. 307 individuals.

May 18, Sunday

(ROX)

Roxborough State Park, Carpenter Peak

Leader: Doris Cruze

0800-1330. Zero miles by car, 6.4 miles on foot.
Cloudy, wind southeast to southwest 5-15 mph,
50-75°F.

Observers: Marilyn Carr, Wanda Dudek, Kathy
Emmack, Celia Greenman, A.J. Lampke, Pat
Miller, Rich Patterson, Eleanor Pickering,
Caroline Peale, Lynn Solomon, Betty Timson,
John Willoughby. 41 species. 192 individuals.

May 21, Wednesday

(CSW)

Colorado Springs Wildlife Area (Hanna Ranch), Hanover Rd., Fountain Creek Regional Park

Leader: David Laliberte

0800-1530. 32.6 miles by car, 3.7 miles on foot.
Overcast to scattered clouds, wind 0-3 mph,
49-69°F.

Observers: Warren Finch, Lucy Hoag, Wendell
Hoag, Vito Tursi. 50 species. 441 individuals.

May 24-26, Saturday-Monday

(CLW)

Crescent Lake Wildlife Area, Nebraska

Leader: Jackie King

33.5 hours birding. 550 miles by car, 2.0 miles
on foot. Clear to partly cloudy to rainy, wind
northwest 0-15 mph, 48-75°F.

Observers: Cindy Cairella, Kathy Nelson,
Richard Mendez, Chris Owen, Lee Rowe,
Marilyn Rowe, Jean Tarbel.
115 species. 2,563 individuals.

May 24, Saturday

(SWS)

Southwest Suburban to include Highline Canal, McLellan Reservoir, Plum Creek, Louviers and Daniels Park

Leader: Lynn Willcockson

0730-1530. 35 miles by car, 3.0 miles on foot.

DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS - Membership Information

WELCOME TO THE DFO

PURPOSE: The prime objective of the club is to promote interest in the study and preservation of birds and their habitats. Members are encouraged to learn about birds in the field, noting species and numbers, while learning about their songs and calls, as well as habits and habitats.

REGULAR MEETINGS: The general meetings are held each month (except June, July, August, and December) at 7:30 PM at the Denver Museum of Natural History. Dates and subjects of the meetings are reported on the Colorado Rare Bird Alert (424-2144) and in the *Lark Bunting*. The meetings are open to the public without charge.

FIELD TRIPS: These are scheduled for almost every Saturday and Sunday throughout the year to a variety of habitats near Denver. Occasionally special trips are arranged to good birding areas in other parts of Colorado and surrounding states. Usually it is necessary to bring a lunch, and to wear sturdy hiking shoes or boots. Carpooling is encouraged to get the most from bird watching, as well as to save time and energy. Carpooling cost is 10 cents per mile divided by the number of people in the car including the driver.

BULLETIN: A monthly bulletin, the *Lark Bunting*, is issued to all members, listing field trips scheduled. A complete list of bird seen on the previous month's trips is given in checklist order as are interesting sightings reported by members.

DFO COLORADO RARE BIRD ALERT --- 303-424-2144

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Partly cloudy to cloudy, wind variable 5-15 mph, 55-70°F.

Observers: Kitty Albee, Selma Berman, Gregg Goodrich, Lucy Hoag, Wendell Hoag, Liz Kreider, Alberta Nelson, Chuck Walters, Liz Willcockson. 63 species. 255 individuals.

May 25, Sunday (GPK)

Genesee Park and other foothills areas

Leader: Patty Echelmeyer

0730-1430. 30 miles by car, 1.0 miles on foot.

Partly cloudy, wind west up to 20 mph, 50-68°F.

Observers: Virginia Bleck, Gregg Goodrich, Lucy Hoag, Wendell Hoag, Marilyn Jarapko, Kent Kreider, Liz Kreider, Larry Modesitt, Chuck Mowry, Janice Mowry, Margo Shimel, Robin Shimel, Traci Shimel, Mort Staatz. 28 species. 158 individuals.

May 26, Monday (LWR)

Lower White Ranch

Diana and Don Mullineaux

0730-1200. 16 miles by car, 2.0 miles on foot.

Clear to partly cloudy, wind west 10-20 mph, 50-60°F.

Observers: Virginia Bleck, Barbara Boland, Dennis Downing, Lucy Hoag, Wendell Hoag, Peter Spanberger. 43 species. 189 individuals.

May 31-June 1, Saturday-Sunday (BON)

Bonnie Reservoir

Leaders: Hugh and Urling Kingery

24 hours birding. 50-75°F.

Observers: Kitty Albee, Selma Berman, Gail Campbell, Gail Evans, Miriam Friggens, Betty Harwood, Stan Harwood, Lucy Hoag, Wendell Hoag, Dena Hruby, Carolyn Kerchek, Chuck Lowrie, Dave Quesenberry, Gene Rutherford, Bob Spencer, Chuck Walters, Ronda Woodward. 84 species. 2,114 individuals.

May 31, Saturday (RIG)

Rigli Ranch

Leader: Joe Rigli

0800-1530. 17 miles by car, 3.0 miles on foot.

Clear to cloudy, wind northwest 0-10 mph,

60-82°F. Observers: Meredith Anderson,

Ursula Barsch, Carolyn Cooley, Carol

Fredericks, Ken Fredericks, Beth Green, David

Gulbenkian, Ed Holub, Diana Mullineaux, Don Mullineaux, Jack Reddall, Ellen Swanson.

41 species. 241 individuals.

SPRING COUNT

May 7, Wednesday (CCR)

Cherry Creek Reservoir

Leader: Phil Hayes

0700-1545. 6 miles by car, 3.5 miles on foot.

Partly cloudy, wind variable 2-7 mph.

Observers: Ursula Barsch, Barbara Bridges, Lori Chappelle, Barbara Gillette, Glenn Hageman, Jeane Hageman, Liz Kreider, Laura Wathen, Wayne Wathen.

65 species. 741 individuals.

May 10, Saturday (LBC)

Lower Bear Creek

Leaders: Bob Spencer and Mary Jane Schock

0630-1600. 35 miles by car, 3.0 miles on foot.

Partly cloudy, calm, 49-79°F.

Observers: Bobbi Ausphal, Ruth Breckon, Barbara Bridges, Tami Bulow, Patti Echelmeyer, Sally Fouch, Tom Fouch, Jim Gross, Kathy Gross, Lucy Hoag, Wendell Hoag, Betty Oliver, Harold Oliver, Anne Southcott.

83 species. 2,694 individuals.

May 10, Saturday (CHA)

Chatfield State Park

Leader: Joey Kellner

0600-1630. 15 miles by car, 3.0 miles on foot.

Clear in morning turning cloudy in afternoon, wind south 0-5 mph, 44-76°F.

Observers: Dave Conant, Lynn Conant, Randy Lentz, Joe Roller, Gene Rutherford.

68 species, 909 individuals.

May 10, Saturday (WAC)

Waterton Canyon

Leader: Hugh and Urling Kingery.

0600-1530. 8 miles by car, 7.0 miles on foot.

Clear, calm, 45-75°F.

Observers: Kitty Albee, Sloan Anderson, Carolyn Cooley, Peter Gillette, David Gulbenkian, Jean McClenathen, Jean Morgan, Deb Ostergard, Tim Schowalter.

83 species, 1,025 individuals.

May 10, Saturday (BAR)

Barr Lake State Park

Leader: Dick Schottler

0600-1545. Zero miles by car, 11.5 miles on foot.

Clear, wind west 0-5 mph, 45-75°F.

Observers: Meredith Anderson, Warren Finch, Ed Holub, Rich Mendez, Chris Owens, Dick Pratt, Bob Righter.

79 species, 1,532 individuals.

May 11, Sunday (BLP)

Barr Lake Periphery

Leader: Jackie King

0630-1630. 83 miles by car, 1.0 miles on foot.

Clear becoming cloudy and windy, wind northwest 15 mph, 60-72°F.

Observers: Dennis Downing, Bruce VanderLee.
80 species, 1,772 individuals.

May 11, Sunday (CAC)

Castlewood Canyon State Park

Leader: Randy Lentz

0500-1400. 15 miles by car, 3.0 miles on foot.

Mostly sunny then cloudy in the afternoon, wind west 0-8 mph, 40-60°F.

Observers: Gail Evans, Lucy Hoag, Wendell Hoag, Jean Morgan, Joe TenBrink.
62 species, 663 individuals.

May 11, Sunday (RMA)

Rocky Mountain Arsenal

Leader: Hugh and Urling Kingery

0645-1645. 30 miles by car, 2.0 miles on foot.

Clear, calm, 45-68°F.

Observers: Bob Currie, Kent Kreider, Liz Kreider, Arlene Raskin, Gerry Raskin, Dave Rhoades, Cheryl Scott.

91 species, 1,277 individuals.

TUESDAY BIRDERS

May 6, Tuesday (CSP)

Chatfield State Park

Leader: Ann Bonnell and Ferd Dirckx.

34 observers.

0900-1300. 5 miles by car, 3.0 miles on foot.
Partly cloudy, wind south 5-15 mph, 65-80°F.
47 species, 337 individuals.

May 13, Tuesday (CCR)

Cherry Creek Reservoir

Leader: Ann Bonnell. 30 observers.

0900-1200. 5.5 miles by car, 1.5 miles on foot.

Mostly cloudy, wind southeast 5-15 mph, 65-75°F.

51 species, 493 individuals.

May 20, Tuesday (BAR)

Barr Lake State Park

Leader: Ann Bonnell. 30 observers.

0830-1200. 6 miles by car, 2.0 miles on foot.

Partly cloudy, wind east 5-15 mph, 60-75°F.

53 species, 468 individuals.

May 27, Tuesday (KCR)

Ken Caryl Ranch Banding Station and Deer Creek Canyon Park

Leader: Ann Bonnell. 24 observers.

0830-1330. 5.0 miles by car, 1.0 miles on foot.

Mostly cloudy, wind southeast 0-5 mph, 58-62°F.

27 species, 105 individuals.

Mona Krebs, compiler.

MEMBER NOTES

Ruth Wheeler has moved to The Gardens at St. Elizabeth, 2835 W. 32nd Ave., Room 115, Denver, 80211. Ruth welcomes all visitors.

IN MEMORIAM

Ron Lestina, a long-time DFO member, died May 30 after a long bout with skin cancer. Ron was a petroleum geologist who learned to observe birds while he monitored oil wells. The burial was in Illinois.

SPECIES	3	4	16-17	17	17	18	21	24-26	24	25	26	31-1	31	6	13	20	27	
	WRG	CCW	PZO	PNG	BAR	PRP	ROX	CSW	CLW	SWS	GPR	LWR	BON	RIG	CSP	CCR	BAR	KCR
Common Loon									1									
Pied-billed Grebe				2					7									
Horned Grebe															3			
Eared Grebe					1	4			16				1					
Western Grebe	1								40				1		1	11		
Clark's Grebe									5									
Grebe species																	5	
American White Pelican		80		17	15				85				196			30	8	
Double-crested Cormorant	7	10		2	10				26	1		1	2	1	10	23	40	
American Bittern									14									
Great Blue Heron	1	5		3	8			4	19				9		16	3	40	
Great Egret									1									
Snowy Egret				12													13	
Cattle Egret									3									
Black-crowned Night-Heron	2			2					4			1				1		
White-faced Ibis		20		2									2		67			
Canada Goose	15	8	10n	16		2		10	82	2		20			15	9a19j	14	
Wood Duck		1	13						2	14							2	
Green-winged Teal				4					6									
Mallard	26	6	17	15	10	8		7	37	6			11	2	10	6	6	1
Northern Pintail				2	2				11									
Blue-winged Teal	3	3		1	8	1			29	1			12				2	
Cinnamon Teal				8					4	1							4	
Northern Shoveler	8	2		12		3			20				21				8	
Gadwall	15			1	2	1			10				2				12	
American Wigeon	5	1		2					4				6					
Canvasback			2															
Redhead				1		4			16									
Ring-necked Duck	2																	
Lesser Scaup	11					2			8									
Common Goldeneye	3																	
Common Merganser									21				3		2			
Ruddy Duck	1								27							17		
Turkey Vulture		6	1			1	1		8	7	3	1	14		3			2
Osprey									2									
Northern Harrier				2		2	1		3				1			1		
Sharp-shinned Hawk										1								
Cooper's Hawk	1						1		1							1		
Swainson's Hawk				6	3	1		1	19	3			17	2	3	1	4	
Red-tailed Hawk						3	1		7		3	1a2j			2	3		1
Western races		4		2				4					4	4				
Ferruginous Hawk				1													1	

SPECIES	3 WRG	3 CCW	4 PZO	16-17 PNG	17 BAR	17 PRP	18 ROX	21 CSW	24-26 CLW	24 SWS	25 GPR	26 LWR	31-1 BON	31 RIG	6 CSP	13 CCR	20 BAR	27 KCR
Buteo species								1										
Golden Eagle				1			1		1			1						
American Kestrel		10		2	2	1	1	1	5	3		2	6		5	1	2	
Merlin									2									
Peregrine Falcon		1					1											
Prairie Falcon					1		1		2									
Ring-necked Pheasant					2				13				4			3		
Wild Turkey									1									
Scaled Quail		3																
Virginia Rail				2h				1h	1				1		1	1	3	
Sora																5	1	
American Coot	1			2		3			34				8			30		
Black-bellied Plover				5														
Snowy Plover				1														
Semipalmated Plover				6														
Killdeer		2		18	8	3		5	37	4		1	4	10	2		8	
Mountain Plover				1														
Black-necked Stilt				6														
American Avocet				11					24									
Greater Yellowlegs				1														
Lesser Yellowlegs				2														
Willet									17									
Spotted Sandpiper		2		2		1			12	2			52	4		1	3	1
Upland Sandpiper									9									
Long-billed Curlew									15									
Semipalmated Sandpiper									1					6				
Least Sandpiper				3														
Baird's Sandpiper									4									
Pectoral Sandpiper				2														
Stilt Sandpiper				2					5									
Short-billed Dowitcher				1														
Long-billed Dowitcher				13					10									
Common Snipe				1h					1									
Wilson's Phalarope				20		8			219									
Red-necked Phalarope				2		2			500									
Franklin's Gull		30		2	1				28				1				5	
Ring-billed Gull				4					1						5	45	2	
California Gull															1			
Forster's Tern				4					17									
Black Tern					10				20									
Rock Dove	13	6	5	8	4		15	7	9	3		28	2		1			
Mourning Dove	3	20	2	30	30	10	4	15	52	13		4	139	6	3	3	5	1

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Yellow-billed Cuckoo													2					
Eastern Screech-Owl	1																	
Great Horned Owl		4		2				1	4				5	1	2a2i	2a2i		
Burrowing Owl				2									4	1				
Long-eared Owl				1														
Common Nighthawk			1h						2	1			6	2				
Common Poorwill													2					
Chimney Swift								1					1					
White-throated Swift							12					3						1
Broad-tailed Hummingbird		3					6			3	12	1			3			
Hummingbird species							1f											
Belted Kingfisher		1						1					1		2			
Red-headed Woodpecker									5				19					
Red-bellied Woodpecker													1					
Downy Woodpecker	5				1				3						4	3	1	
Eastern races				4									4					
Hairy Woodpecker													2					
Eastern race													1		2	1	6	
Northern Flicker					1				1				10					
"Yellow-shafted" race						1			6									
"Red-shafted" race	14	2		2		6	4	3	6	5		2						
Olive-sided Flycatcher									1				1					
Western Wood-Pewee				2				2	6	2		2	6	4				
Least Flycatcher				1					1									
Dusky Flycatcher																		2
Cordilleran Flycatcher					1						1							
Empidonax species							1				3		4					
Eastern Phoebe									1									
Say's Phoebe				2			1							3				
Cassin's Kingbird		3																
Western Kingbird				16	20	1	1	8	41	7	2		101	20	3	5	5	
Eastern Kingbird				4	15	5		3	22	3			33	4			3	1
Horned Lark				160				8	31	1			100	10				
Tree Swallow	1	4			6					4					6	3	4	
Violet-green Swallow						1	14	25			8				9			
No. Rough-winged Swallow		1		2	6	6			2	3			1				1	
Bank Swallow	30																	
Cliff Swallow	20			4		26			100	11		32	90		30	20		50
Barn Swallow	20	2	2	10	4	6		17	43	4		6	16	15	4	5	7	2
Stellar's Jay							1			1	2				1			
Blue Jay	5	1	1h	4	2			3	11	1		1	13	2				
Western Scrub-Jay		1				1	6			2		3						1

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	WRG	CCW	PZO	PNG	BAR	PRP	ROX	CSW	CLW	SWS	GPR	LWR	BON	RIG	CSP	CCR	BAR	KCR
Clark's Nutcracker		1																
Black-billed Magpie	25	20		2	15	7	4	2	11	4	3	10	7		12	6	8	
American Crow	2		4	1			1		4	6	18	2	1		1	1		3
Common Raven		4					4			1	2							2
Black-capped Chickadee	3	1	3	1	2	3	6	4	4	3		1	14		4			2
Mountain Chickadee				2							5							
Red-breasted Nuthatch			1								1							
White-breasted Nuthatch	2									1	3		1					
Pygmy Nuthatch											5							
Brown Creeper																	1	
Rock Wren													1			1		
Bewick's Wren		1																
House Wren		1		14	40	8	2	12	15	11		1	86	3	10	2	8	
Marsh Wren	1			6					1									
Ruby-crowned Kinglet				2					1		5							
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher				2		2	17			7					1			
Eastern Bluebird													2					
Western Bluebird										4								
Mountain Bluebird		1					4			4								
Townsend's Solitaire		6					2		1									
Swainson's Thrush				16	3				30				15	30		1	2	
Hermit Thrush				1							1			2				
American Robin	18	8	4	12	20	9	12	9	63	9	8	3	12	6	7	11	15	
Gray Catbird									3	2			3					
Northern Mockingbird				2				2										
Brown Thrasher				8					16				6	5				
Curve-billed Thrasher								1										
Cedar Waxwing									41	4								
Loggerhead Shrike				1				2	3				5	2	1			
European Starling	11	10	6	25	50	8		14	14	3	6	5	3	3	12	6	20	5
Bell's Vireo									1				6					
Solitary Vireo							2											2
"Plumbeous" race					2					1				2				
Warbling Vireo				1	2			3				3	44				1	
Red-eyed Vireo														2				
Orange-crowned Warbler	5	3		4									1					
Virginia's Warbler				1														1
Yellow Warbler				8	15	15		12	35	6		4	24	3	2	1	11	2
Chestnut-sided Warbler								1m										
Yellow-rumped Warbler																		
"Myrtle" race	50	40	1h	2	1			3			1	1			1	2	1	
"Audubon's" race	5			10			4				6				6			

SPECIES	3	3	4	16-17	17	17	18	21	24-26	24	25	26	31-1	31	6	13	20	27
	WRG	CCW	PZO	PNG	BAR	PRP	ROX	CSW	CLW	SWS	GPR	LWR	BON	RIG	CSP	CCR	BAR	KCR
Blk-throated Grn Warbler														1				
Prairie Warbler													2					
Black-and-white Warbler	1						2											
American Redstart									1									
Ovenbird													1					
Northern Waterthrush					2													
MacGillivray's Warbler							1											
Common Yellowthroat	1			1	3	2	3	8	2	4			29			11	4	
Wilson's Warbler		1				1												1
Yellow-breasted Chat								2		4			2					1
Western Tanager								2		4		2						
Black-headed Grosbeak						1	9		2	1		2					1	3
Blue Grosbeak								2										
Lazuli Bunting										2		5	1					2
Dickcissel													1					
Green-tailed Towhee		1		3	1		2										1	
Eastern Towhee													1					
Spotted Towhee	1	2		1		3	31	4	3	7		2			2		2	7
American Tree Sparrow									19									
Chipping Sparrow	1	2		10	3					3	12	1				1	4	
Clay-colored Sparrow				4														
Vesper Sparrow				16					2	1								
Lark Sparrow		3		8				4	32	3			10	5	1			
Lark Bunting				100				154	24				236	12				
Savannah Sparrow					1	2												
Grasshopper Sparrow									16					10				
Song Sparrow	7	2		6	20	3		3		2		3			3	8	6	
Lincoln's Sparrow	1				3	1								2				
White-crowned Sparrow "Gambel's" race		4	1	6					3					1		2		
Harris Sparrow		1																
Dark-eyed Junco "Gray-headed" race		1									2							
McCown's Longspur				20														
Chestnut-collared Longspur				10														
Bobolink									4									
Red-winged Blackbird	27	20		30	100	77		30	140	8		1	156	2	26	75	60	
Eastern Meadowlark									2									
Western Meadowlark		4		30	30	15	2	4		11		3	194	3	14	14	6	5
Yellow-headed Blackbird	3			10	1			1	113								12	
Brewer's Blackbird				4		1			5		2	5				6	4	2
Great-tailed Grackle				2					6				4					

SPECIES	3	3	4	16-17	17	17	18	21	24-26	24	25	26	31-1	31	6	13	20	27
	WRG	CCW	PZO	PNG	BAR	PRP	ROX	CSW	CLW	SWS	GPR	LWR	BON	RIG	CSP	CCR	BAR	KCR
Common Grackle	20	4	6	10	40	17	3	12	40	7		1	77	6	5	50	50	3
Brown-headed Cowbird	5	1		8	20	12	2	2	8	4	2	1	21	4	6	3	10	
Orchard Oriole				3		5			16				145	5				
Baltimore Oriole									13				11					
Bullock's Oriole				12	20	8	5	6	11	5		6	7	15	4	4	8	
Cassin's Finch											3							
House Finch	5	6	15	2	3	17		2	12	4	6	2			4	7		
Red Crossbill			2								3							
Pine Siskin		10	4	3						3	30							
Lesser Goldfinch "Black-backed" race										3		2						
American Goldfinch	5	4	4	16		8	1	4	13	2		6	24			5	5	1
Evening Grosbeak					4													
House Sparrow	6	6	12	30	15	11		7	15	2		5	19	20		17	13	
TOTAL SPECIES	48	59	23	108	52	51	41	50	115	63	28	43	84	41	47	51	53	27
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	419	410	117	947	580	307	192	441	2563	255	158	189	2114	241	337	493	468	105

Spring Count SPECIES	7 CCR	10 LBC	10 CSP	10 WAC	10 BAR	11 CAC	11 BLP	11 RMA
Pied-billed Grebe		2		2	2		1	
Horned Grebe							1	
Eared Grebe	2	9	15					
Western Grebe	123	12	6		17		2	1
Clark's Grebe								1
American White Pelican	17	33			5		27	
Double-crested Cormorant	25	240	28	24	120		16	3
American Bittern		1						
Great Blue Heron	3	66	25	31	29	12	13	6
Blk-crowned Night-Heron	1	4			2			
White-faced Ibis		10						
Canada Goose	12	73	25	18	32	1	27	37
Wood Duck			2m1f	9				
Green-winged Teal	5	1		10	4		2	5
Mallard	30	117	10	55	46	3	55	22
Northern Pintail					3		9	4
Blue-winged Teal	5	5		1	18		11	10
Cinnamon Teal		12	5	4	10		11	6
Northern Shoveler	11	17		43	65		8	17
Gadwall	6	18	4	26	100		42	10
American Wigeon		6		2	15		6	2
Canvasback								1
Redhead		6			35		8	18
Ring-necked Duck				3			1	8
Lesser Scaup				5	19		12	
Bufflehead				23			2	
Common Merganser		1	2f	5				
Ruddy Duck					78			
Turkey Vulture	1	3	2	5		25	1	3
Osprey				1				
Bald Eagle					1		2	
Northern Harrier	1m1f			1	2		5	1
Cooper's Hawk			1	5				
Swainson's Hawk	3	8	1		7	1	25	15
Red-tailed Hawk		6					6	18
Western races	2a3i		4	5		2		
Ferruginous Hawk		1						4
Golden Eagle		1						2
American Kestrel	1	7	4	5	3	2	7	23
Peregrine Falcon								1
Ring-necked Pheasant	2h		1h		2h		2	4

Spring Count SPECIES	7 CCR	10 LBC	10 CSP	10 WAC	10 BAR	11 CAC	11 BLP	11 RMA
Wild Turkey						2		
Virginia Rail	7	2h	3	5				4
Sora	2h				1h			
American Coot	5	6			67		3	1
Killdeer	2	21	7	7	7		27	11
American Avocet				3			33	20
Greater Yellowlegs							1	1
Lesser Yellowlegs	1			2				2
Spotted Sandpiper	2	6	8	11	13		12	9
Baird's Sandpiper								3
Long-billed Dowitcher							8	
Common Snipe	2				2		5	
Wilson's Phalarope				9			29	27
Franklin's Gull		1			13			
Ring-billed Gull	50	27	3	5	1		5	
California Gull	5	5	5	8	2			
Forster's Tern					1		1	4
Black Tern							25	
Rock Dove	2	50	4	7	7	7	13	21
Mourning Dove	10	103	35	13	34	25	55	104
Barn Owl								1
Great Horned Owl	1	6	2a1i	3	2	3	7a8j	23
Burrowing Owl							8	6
Long-eared Owl								1
Common Poorwill						3h		
White-throated Swift						1		
Broad-tailed Hummingbird			5m	3		5		
Belted Kingfisher		7	4	3	2	1	2	
Downy Woodpecker	4				7			3
"Rocky Mountain" race		5		1				
Eastern races			3	8		4		
Hairy Woodpecker								
"Rocky Mountain" race		2						
Northern Flicker								
"Red-shafted" race	7	62	5	10	6	7	3	10
Western Wood-Pewee				1				
Least Flycatcher			2s					
Empidonax species			1			1		1
Say's Phoebe	1		1	2			1	4
Western Kingbird	2	4	1	3	19	2	45	37
Eastern Kingbird					5	1	1	2
Horned Lark			3	3			14	18

Spring Count SPECIES	7 CCR	10 LBC	10 CSP	10 WAC	10 BAR	11 CAC	11 BLP	11 RMA
Tree Swallow	6		20	13	3	25	2	15
Violet-green Swallow	1	2	1	2		42		
No. Rgh-winged Swallow	8	8	1	3	8	12	23	3
Bank Swallow		1	8					
Cliff Swallow	10	1	75	31	2	12	20	88
Barn Swallow	10	28	4	10	29	2	61	24
Stellar's Jay						5		
Blue Jay	2	22	3		1			
Western Scrub-Jay				1		12		
Pinyon Jay				30				
Black-billed Magpie	30	98	21	13	17	4	31	63
American Crow	3	28	4	2		5		
Common Raven		2	2	4		1		
Black-capped Chickadee	3	62	10	15	6	5		8
Mountain Chickadee						4		
Red-breasted Nuthatch		6				1		
White-breasted Nuthatch						5		
Pygmy Nuthatch						2		
Rock Wren		2	6		1	8		1
Canyon Wren						3		
House Wren	6	61	125	94	60	58	4	51
American Dipper				2		1		
Ruby-crowned Kinglet					1			
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	1		4	1	1	7		
Western Bluebird						25		
Mountain Bluebird						30		
Townsend's Solitaire						1		
Swainson's Thrush					3		1	27
American Robin	28	192	24	13	39	45	24	24
Northern Mockingbird								3
Brown Thrasher								1
Loggerhead Shrike							1	1
European Starling	7	132	30	47	75	8	225	56
Solitary Vireo		3						
"Plumbeous" race						5		
Warbling Vireo			1					
Orange-crowned Warbler		4	1	4	5			1
Virginia's Warbler						3		
Yellow Warbler	3	19	40	57	8		1	12
Yellow-rumped Warbler								2
"Myrtle" race	4	2	2	5	10		1	10
"Audubon's" race	3	23	3	7	13	5	7	2

Spring Count SPECIES	7 CCR	10 LBC	10 CSP	10 WAC	10 BAR	11 CAC	11 BLP	11 RMA
Blk-th Grn Warbler				1				
American Redstart								3
Blackpoll Warbler		1						
Black-and-white Warbler		1						
Northern Waterthrush					3			
MacGillivray's Warbler					2			2
Common Yellowthroat	10	1	5	11	6		7	7
Yellow-breasted Chat			6	14				
Summer Tanager		2						
Western Tanager		3						
Rose-breasted Grosbeak				2				
Black-headed Grosbeak				1		3		
Lazuli Bunting				2				
Green-tailed Towhee	3	1	4		2	2		8
Spotted Towhee	1	6	18	16	1	45	1	8
Chipping Sparrow	4	20			50	15	20	27
Clay-colored Sparrow					2		2	1
Brewer's Sparrow		2		1	1		3	8
Vesper Sparrow		8	10	12		25	8	4
Lark Sparrow		2		2	2		10	7
Lark Bunting							19	1
Savannah Sparrow				3			1	2
Song Sparrow	15	24	13	28	14	12	15	9
Lincoln's Sparrow			3		1			1
White-crowned Sparrow	2	11		2	3		4	1
"Gambel's" race			5	2		1		
Dark-eyed Junco								1
"Gray-headed" race						2		1
Bobolink						2		
Red-winged Blackbird	90	246	100	53	150	35	405	43
Western Meadowlark	35	55	50	23	19	30	50	105
Yellow-headed Blackbird	1	8			8		56	1
Brewer's Blackbird	3	36		10		20	2	15
Great-tailed Grackle				2n	4		15	
Common Grackle	25	146	40	18	120		60	25
Brown-headed Cowbird	8	34	20	48	17	23	4	32
Bullock's Oriole	2m	17	3m	6	21		4	7
House Finch	37	140	6	10	1		12	16
American Goldfinch	7	15	12	14	3	4		1
House Sparrow	14	171		2	16		93	14
TOTAL SPECIES	65	83	68	83	79	62	80	91
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	741	2694	909	1025	1532	663	1772	1277

ADDITIONAL REPORTS - MAY, 1997

SPECIES	Date	Count	Location	County	Observers
Red-throated Loon	5/10	1br	John Martin Reservoir	Bent	Richard Bunn, Steve Dinsmore
American Bittern	5/10	1h	Rds. HH and 16	Bent	Brandon Percival
	5/12	1	John Martin Marsh	Bent	Dan Bridges
Great Egret	5/21	1	Alamosa	Alamosa	Tony Leukering
	5/27	1	Big Johnson Reservoir	El Paso	Richard Bunn
Green Heron	5/10	1a	Lake Henry	Crowley	Karleen Schofield
Oldsquaw	5/8-20	1m	Big Johnson Reservoir	El Paso	Richard Bunn, Steve Dinsmore
Broad-winged Hawk	5/1-2	2	Lamar Community College	Prowers	Brandon Percival, mo
	5/3	1	Ft. Lyon Wildlife Easement	Bent	Brandon Percival, mo
	5/4	1	Highlands Ranch	Douglas	Lea Ann Brown, Bob Brown
	5/11	1	Lamar Community College	Prowers	Bob Brown
	5/12	1	Lamar Community College	Prowers	Karleen Schofield, Forrest Lube
	5/23	1	Highlands Ranch	Douglas	Lea Ann Brown
	5/27	1a	Prospect Park	Jefferson	Karleen Schofield
Black Rail	5/9-10	4h	Fort Lyon Marsh	Bent	Brandon Percival, Mark Hullinger
Sandhill Crane	5/22	3	Monte Vista NWR	Rio Grande	Ron Garcia
Lesser Golden-Plover	5/17	1mo	Neenoshe Reservoir	Kiowa	Dan Bridges
Snowy Plover	5/12	2	Neenoshe Reservoir	Kiowa	Karleen Schofield
Mountain Plover	5/6-7	9 nests	Pueblo Depot	Pueblo	Richard Bunn, Steve Dinsmore
	5/31	5	Adobe Creek Reservoir	Bent	Brandon Percival, Bob Dickson, Mark Janos
Whimbrel	5/3	17	Rds. 45 at 40	Weld	Bob Brown
	5/3	3	Rds. 53 at 18	Weld	Bob Brown
	5/3	2	Lower Latham Reservoir	Weld	Bob Brown
	5/3	1	Neenoshe Reservoir	Kiowa	Brandon Percival, mo
	5/8	4	Big Johnson Reservoir	El Paso	Richard Bunn
	5/12	2	Neenoshe Reservoir	Kiowa	Karleen Schofield
	5/14	22	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
	5/16	1	Neenoshe Reservoir	Kiowa	Brandon Percival, Bob Dickson
	5/27	1	Adobe Creek Reservoir	Bent	Brandon Percival, Bob Dickson
Hudsonian Godwit	5/10	1	Neenoshe Reservoir	Kiowa	Richard Bunn, Steve Dinsmore
White-rumped Sandpiper	5/13	1	Adobe Creek Reservoir	Bent	Dan Bridges
	5/17	1	Neenoshe Reservoir	Kiowa	Brandon Percival, Bob Dickson
Dunlin	5/9	1br	Neenoshe Reservoir	Kiowa	Brandon Percival, Mark Hullinger
Short-billed Dowitcher	5/19	6c	East of Fort Lyon, on Rd. JJ	Bent	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
Little Gull	5/28	1fs	Cherry Creek Reservoir	Arapahoe	Bob Brown, Lea Ann Brown
Great Black-backed Gull	5/3	1i	Neenoshe Reservoir	Kiowa	Brandon Percival, mo
Caspian Tern	5/19-28	1	Cherry Creek Reservoir	Arapahoe	Bob Brown, Lea Ann Brown
Common Tern	5/22	1a	Lake Henry	Crowley	Brandon Percival, Drew Smith
Least Tern	5/9	1	Lake Meredith	Crowley	Lea Ann Brown, Bob Brown
	5/11	1a	Lake Cheraw	Otero	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
White-winged Dove	5/15	1	Pueblo	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, Bob Dickson
Barn Owl	5/18	1	Monte Vista NWR	Rio Grande	unknown person, reported by Tony Leukering
	5/21	1d	Monte Vista NWR	Rio Grande	Brian Sullivan
Long-eared Owl	5/21	1a4i	Chatfield State Park	Jefferson	Karleen Schofield
	5/30	2a2j	Korean Valley, Fort Carson	El Paso	Richard Bunn
Short-eared Owl	5/22	1	South of Cheyenne Wells	Cheyenne	Dan Bridges
Northern Saw-whet Owl	5/2, 5/9	1j	Fort Lyon Wildlife Easement	Bent	Brandon Percival, mo
Lesser Nighthawk	5/5	1	Lamar Community College	Prowers	Dan Bridges
	5/9	1m1f	Lamar Community College	Prowers	Brandon Percival, mo
	5/12	1m	Lake Holbrook	Otero	Brandon Percival, Joe Roller
Black Swift	5/24	4	Green Mountain Falls	Teller	Richard Bunn
Eastern Wood-Pewee	5/31	1	Chatfield State Park	Jefferson	Bob Brown

SPECIES	Date	Count	Location	County	Observers
Willow Flycatcher	5/29	2c	Crow Valley Campground	Weld	Karleen Schofield, Warren Finch, J.B. Hayes
	5/29	1s	Fountain Creek Regional Park	El Paso	Richard Bunn
	5/30	1c	Chatfield State Park	Jefferson	Karleen Schofield
Great Crested Flycatcher	5/5, 5/11	1	Fort Lyon Wildlife Easement	Bent	Brandon Percival, mo
	5/9-31	1-2	Lamar Community College	Prowers	Brandon Percival, mo
	5/17	1	Bonny Reservoir	Yuma	Brian Sullivan, mo
Purple Martin	5/11	1f	Lamar Community College	Prowers	Bob Brown, Forrest Lube
Pinyon Jay	5/6-9	flocks	Dinosaur Ridge	Jefferson	Brian Sullivan
Mountain Chickadee	5/1-31	2an5j	4400 Bow Mar Dr., Littleton	Jefferson	Tina Jones
Veery	5/11	1	Fort Lyon Wildlife Easement	Bent	Brandon Percival
	5/11	1	Lake Henry	Crowley	Brandon Percival
	5/12	1	Fountain Creek Regional Park	El Paso	Richard Bunn
	5/13-15	1	Brighton	Adams	Tony Leukering, Brian Sullivan
	5/16	1	Barr Lake State Park	Adams	Karleen Schofield
	5/19	1	Lake Henry	Crowley	Brandon Percival, Bob Dickson, Mark Janos, Joe Roller
	5/22	1	Fort Lyon Wildlife Easement	Bent	Brandon Percival, Drew Smith
	5/24	1	Barr Lake State Park	Adams	Lea Ann Brown, Bob Brown
	5/25	1	Crow Valley Campground	Weld	Bob Brown
	5/29	1	Crow Valley Campground	Weld	Karleen Schofield
Gray-cheeked Thrush	5/9, 5/12	1	Lake Henry	Crowley	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos, Joe Roller
Wood Thrush	5/28	1	Fountain Creek Regional Park	El Paso	Bob Goycoolea
White-eyed Vireo	5/9	1s	Lake Henry	Crowley	Brandon Percival, mo
Bell's Vireo	5/9	1	Fort Lyon Wildlife Easement	Bent	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
	5/26	1	Apishapa SWA	Las Animas	Brian Sullivan
	5/29	1	Fountain Creek Regional Park	El Paso	Richard Bunn
Yellow-throated Vireo	5/3	1s	Lamar Community College	Prowers	Brandon Percival, mo
	5/4	1s	Two Buttes Reservoir	Baca	Brandon Percival, mo
	5/10	1	Neenoshe Reservoir	Kiowa	Richard Bunn, Steve Dinsmore
	5/12	1	Rocky Ford SWA	Otero	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos, Joe Roller
	5/14	1	Johnson Park	Jefferson	Lea Ann Brown, Bob Brown
	5/19, 5/21	1s	Fort Lyon Wildlife Easement	Bent	Brandon Percival, Bob Dickson, Mark Janos, Joe Roller
Red-eyed Vireo	5/16	1	Fort Lyon Wildlife Easement	Bent	Brandon Percival
	5/17-19	1s	Lake Henry	Crowley	Brandon Percival, Bob Dickson, Mark Janos
	5/28	1	Fountain Creek Regional Park	El Paso	Brandon Percival, mo
Blue-winged Warbler	5/1-5	1m	Lamar Community College	Prowers	Brandon Percival, mo
	5/7	1	Below Two Buttes Dam	Baca	Dan Bridges
	5/9	1m	Fort Lyon Wildlife Easement	Bent	Brandon Percival, mo
	5/14	1	Bonny Reservoir, south side pond	Yuma	Dan Bridges
Golden-winged Warbler	5/10	1fym	Lake Henry	Crowley	Brandon Percival
	5/11-13	1sam	Lake Henry	Crowley	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos, Joe Roller, mo
	5/12	1f	Lake Henry	Crowley	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos, Joe Roller
Tennessee Warbler	5/2-3	1m	Lamar Community College	Prowers	Brandon Percival, mo
	5/3	1m	Fort Lyon Wildlife Easement	Bent	Brandon Percival, mo
	5/4	1m	Two Buttes Reservoir	Baca	Brandon Percival, mo
	5/11-12	1m	Lake Henry	Crowley	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos, Joe Roller
	5/22	1m	Lamar Community College	Prowers	Brandon Percival, Drew Smith
Nashville Warbler	5/1	1m	Cottonwood Canyon	Baca	Brandon Percival
	5/12	2	Lamar Community College	Prowers	Bob Brown
Northern Parula	5/3	1f	Two Buttes Reservoir	Baca	Brandon Percival, mo

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Northern Parula (con't)	5/9-12	3m	Lake Henry	Crowley	Brandon Percival, mo
	5/10	1m	Lake Henry	Crowley	Karleen Schofield
	5/11-12	1m	Rocky Ford SWA	Otero	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos, mo
	5/16-19	2f	Lamar Community College	Prowers	Brandon Percival, Bob Dickson, mo
	5/21	1ms	Chatfield State Park	Jefferson	Karleen Schofield, Karen Metz, Bob Spencer
	5/23	1ms	Lathrop State Park	Huerfano	Karleen Schofield, Carolyn Cooley, Gail Evans
Chestnut-sided Warbler	5/9-10	1sm	Lake Henry	Crowley	Brandon Percival, mo
	5/17	1m	Fountain Creek Regional Park	El Paso	Bob Goycoolea
	5/25	1sm	Lake Henry	Crowley	Brandon Percival, Bob Dickson
	5/27	1m	Korean Valley, Fort Carson	El Paso	Richard Bunn
	5/27	1ms	Prospect Park	Jefferson	Karleen Schofield, Warren Finch
	5/27	1am	Lake Henry	Crowley	Brandon Percival, Bob Dickson
Magnolia Warbler	5/5	1m	Lamar Community College	Prowers	Brandon Percival, mo
	5/9-11	1m	Lake Henry	Crowley	Brandon Percival, mo
	5/16	1m1f	Lake Henry	Crowley	Brandon Percival, Bob Dickson
	5/16	1m	Fort Lyon Wildlife Easement	Bent	Brandon Percival, Bob Dickson
	5/19	1m	Just east of Hasty	Bent	Brandon Percival, Bob Dickson, Mark Janos
	5/22	1sm	Fort Lyon Wildlife Easement	Bent	Brandon Percival, Drew Smith
	5/27	1m1f	Lake Henry	Crowley	Brandon Percival, Bob Dickson
	5/29	1f	Crow Valley Campground	Weld	Karleen Schofield, Warren Finch
Black-throated Blue Warbler	5/9	1m	Fort Lyon Wildlife Easement	Bent	Brandon Percival, mo
	5/19	1f	Lake Henry	Crowley	Brandon Percival, Bob Dickson, Mark Janos, Joe Roller
	5/19	1sm	Fort Lyon Wildlife Easement	Bent	Brandon Percival, Bob Dickson, Mark Janos, Joe Roller
	5/19-20	1m	Bonny Reservoir, south side pond	Yuma	Dan Bridges
	5/23	1m	Chatfield State Park	Jefferson	Lea Ann Brown, Bob Brown
Black-throated Gray Warbler	5/1-2	1m	Lamar Community College	Prowers	Brandon Percival, Bob Dickson
	5/10	1m	Cottonwood Canyon	Baca	Richard Bunn, Steve Dinsmore
Townsend's Warbler	5/2	1f	Fort Lyon Wildlife Easement	Bent	Brandon Percival
	5/4	1f	Fort Lyon Wildlife Easement	Bent	Brandon Percival, mo
Black-throated Grn Warbler	5/15	1s	Bonny Reservoir west end swamp	Yuma	Dan Bridges
Blackburnian Warbler	5/17	1sm	Hasty Campground	Bent	Brandon Percival, Bob Dickson, Mark Janos
	5/28	1f	Ovid Wildlife Easement	Sedgwick	Dan Bridges
	5/28	1m	Julesburg Island	Sedgwick	Dan Bridges
Yellow-throated Warbler	5/22	1sm	Lake Henry	Crowley	Brandon Percival, Drew Smith
	5/24	1	Below Prewitt Dam	Logan	Dan Bridges
Palm Warbler	5/5	1	Lamar Community College	Prowers	Bob Goycoolea, mo
	5/9	1	Lake Henry	Crowley	Brandon Percival, mo
Bay-breasted Warbler	5/16	1f	Lake Henry	Crowley	Brandon Percival, Bob Dickson
	5/17	1m	Cat Creek	Rio Grande	Bob Goycoolea
	5/18	1m	Wagon Wheel Campground, Bonny Reservoir	Yuma	Mark Hullinger
	5/22-23	1f	Lamar Community College	Prowers	Brandon Percival, Drew Smith, mo
Blackpoll Warbler	5/3	1m	4400 Bow Mar Dr., Littleton	Jefferson	Tina Jones
	5/4	1m	Fort Lyon Wildlife Easement	Bent	Brandon Percival, mo
	5/4	1m	East of Fort Lyon	Bent	Brandon Percival, mo
	5/9, 5/12	2m	Lake Henry	Crowley	Brandon Percival, mo
	5/14	10	Bonny Reservoir	Yuma	Dan Bridges, mo
	5/19	1m	Hasty Campground	Bent	Brandon Percival, Bob Dickson, Mark Janos

SPECIES	Date	Count	Location	County	Observers
Blackpoll Warbler (con't)	5/22-23	1sm	Lake Henry	Crowley	Brandon Percival, Drew Smith, mo
• Cerulean Warbler	5/14	1im	Bonny Reservoir, south side pond	Yuma	Kevin Cook, Dan Bridges, mo
	5/26	1f	Home Lake, Monte Vista	Rio Grande	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos, mo
Black-and-white Warbler	5/2-3	1m1f	Fort Lyon Wildlife Easement	Bent	Brandon Percival, mo
	5/4	1f	Two Buttes Reservoir	Baca	Brandon Percival, mo
	5/9	2	Lake Henry	Crowley	Brandon Percival, mo
	5/9	1m	Fort Lyon Wildlife Easement	Bent	Brandon Percival, mo
	5/11-12	1m	Rocky Ford SWA	Otero	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos, mo
	5/17	1f	Lake Henry	Crowley	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
American Redstart	5/9-10	1fym	Lake Henry	Crowley	Brandon Percival
	5/9	1am	Rocky Ford SWA	Otero	Brandon Percival
	5/9	1am	Neenoshe Reservoir	Kiowa	Brandon Percival, Mark Hullinger
	5/9-10	2am, 1fym	Fort Lyon Wildlife Easement	Bent	Brandon Percival
	5/13	1fym	Lake Henry	Crowley	Brandon Percival, Bob Dickson, mo
	5/16	1fym	Fort Lyon Wildlife Easement	Bent	Brandon Percival, Bob Dickson
	5/16-19	1fym	Lake Henry	Crowley	Brandon Percival, Bob Dickson, mo
	5/19	1fym	Hasty Campground	Bent	Brandon Percival, Bob Dickson, Mark Janos
	5/19	1f	Lamar Community College	Powers	Brandon Percival, Bob Dickson, Mark Janos
	5/27	1m	Turkey Creek, Fort Carson	El Paso	Richard Bunn, Bill Maynard
Prothonotary Warbler	5/4-5/5	1m	Lamar Community College	Powers	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos, Vic Zerbi
Worm-eating Warbler	5/9	1	Lamar Community College	Powers	Brandon Percival, Mark Hullinger, mo
	5/9-12	1	Lake Henry	Crowley	Brandon Percival, mo
Ovenbird	5/4-5	2	Fort Lyon Wildlife Easement	Bent	Brandon Percival, mo
	5/9-12	1	Lake Henry	Crowley	Brandon Percival, mo
	5/11	1	4400 Bow Mar Dr., Littleton	Jefferson	Tina Jones
	5/17	1	Bonny Reservoir	Yuma	Tony Leukering, mo
	5/19	1	Fort Lyon Wildlife Easement	Bent	Brandon Percival, Bob Dickson, Mark Janos, Joe Roller
	5/19	1	Lake Henry	Crowley	Brandon Percival, Bob Dickson, Mark Janos, Joe Roller
	5/28	1s	Fountain Creek Regional Park	El Paso	Brandon Percival, Bob Goycoolea, mo
Northern Waterthrush	5/1-5	3	Lamar Community College	Powers	Brandon Percival, mo
	5/9	1	Lamar Community College	Powers	Brandon Percival
	5/9-12	1	Lake Henry	Crowley	Brandon Percival, mo
	5/10	1	Ft. Lyon Wildlife Easement	Bent	Brandon Percival, Mark Hullinger
	5/11-12	1	Fountain Creek Regional Park	El Paso	Tina Jones, Paul Priest, Verla Priest
	5/16	1	Fort Lyon Wildlife Easement	Bent	Brandon Percival, Bob Dickson
	5/16-23	2	Lamar Community College	Powers	Brandon Percival, mo
	5/17	1	Bonny Reservoir	Yuma	Tony Leukering, mo
	5/19	1	Lake Henry	Crowley	Brandon Percival, Bob Dickson, Mark Janos, Joe Roller
	5/19	1	Rocky Ford SWA	Otero	Brandon Percival, Bob Dickson, Mark Janos, Joe Roller
	5/19	1	Fort Lyon Wildlife Easement	Bent	Brandon Percival, Bob Dickson, Mark Janos, Joe Roller
	5/19	1	Just east of Hasty	Bent	Brandon Percival, mo
Kentucky Warbler	5/28	1sm	Fountain Creek Regional Park	El Paso	Brandon Percival, Bob Goycoolea, mo

SPECIES	Date	Count	Location	County	Observers
Connecticut Warbler	5/16	1m	Lamar Community College	Prowers	Brandon Percival
Mourning Warbler	5/14	1	So. Republican River near Hale Ponds	Yuma	Dan Bridges, J.B. Hayes
Hooded Warbler	5/7	1f	Lake Henry	Crowley	Dan Bridges
	5/16	1f	Lake Henry	Crowley	Brandon Percival, Bob Dickson
	5/18	1m	Fountain Creek Regional Park	El Paso	Bob Goycoolea
Summer Tanager	5/4	1m	Lamar Community College	Prowers	Dan Bridges
	5/5	1f	Lamar Community College	Prowers	Dan Bridges
	5/9-10	1fym	Lake Henry	Crowley	Brandon Percival, mo
Scarlet Tanager	5/9	1m	Neenoshe Reservoir	Kiowa	Brandon Percival, Mark Hullinger
	5/10	1m	Neenoshe Reservoir	Kiowa	Richard Bunn, Steve Dinsmore
Northern Cardinal	5/9	1m	Rocky Ford SWA	Otero	Brandon Percival, Mark Hullinger
	5/14	1	Johnson Park	Jefferson	Bob Brown, Lea Ann Brown
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	5/1	1m	Cottonwood Canyon	Baca	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
	5/9-10	1m	Lake Henry	Crowley	Brandon Percival, mo
	5/18	1m	Wagon Wheel Campground, Bonny Reservoir	Yuma	Mark Hullinger
Painted Bunting	5/16	1f	East of Foster Grove Campground, Bonny Reservoir	Yuma	Richard Bunn
	5/17	1f	Hasty Campground	Bent	Brandon Percival, Bob Dickson, Mark Janos
Eastern Towhee	5/16	1sm	Tamarack Ranch SWA	Logan	Dan Bridges
Eastern x Spotted Towhee	5/17	1if	Bonny Reservoir	Yuma	Tony Leukering
Rufous-crowned Sparrow	5/21	12	Apishapa SWA	Las Animas	Tony Leukering
Field Sparrow	5/4	1s	Two Buttes Reservoir	Baca	Brandon Percival, mo
	5/4	2	Lamar Community College	Prowers	Brandon Percival, mo
	5/5	1	Fort Lyons Wildlife Easement	Bent	Brandon Percival, mo
	5/17	1s	Bonny Reservoir	Yuma	Tony Leukering
Swamp Sparrow	5/9	1	Big Johnson Reservoir	El Paso	Richard Bunn
White-throated Sparrow	5/4	1	Lamar Community College	Prowers	Brandon Percival, mo
	5/9	1	Lake Henry	Crowley	Brandon Percival, mo
	5/11	1	Lake Holbrook	Otero	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
Harris' Sparrow	5/14-15	1mo	Wagon Wheel Campground, Bonny Reservoir	Yuma	Dan Bridges
Bobolink	5/15	1s	Wagon Wheel Campground, Bonny Reservoir	Yuma	Dan Bridges
Great-tailed Grackle	5/4	8m1f	Barr Lake State Park	Adams	Tony Leukering
	5/23	2m1f	Monte Vista NWR	Rio Grande	Tony Leukering
	5/26	2m1f	Barr Lake State Park	Adams	Tony Leukering
Baltimore Oriole	5/10-19	1sm	Lake Henry	Crowley	Brandon Percival, mo
	5/17	1f	Bonny Reservoir	Yuma	Brian Sullivan, mo

a = adult, sba = sub-adult, m = male, f = female, mo = molting, j = juvenile, i = immature, d = dead, fym = first year male, fw = first winter, br = breeding plumage, nb = near breeding plumage, b = banded, fs = first summer w = winter plumage, n = nesting, c = calling, s = singing, h = heard, (F) = form submitted

NOTES TO MAY ADDITIONAL SIGHTINGS

What a Spring for Brandon Percival who finished the month of May with 262 species in Colorado, including 34 warbler species, 33 of those seen in May. May 9 was a banner day for Brandon, observing three "red" species in Southeastern Colorado: Summer Tanager, Northern Cardinal and Scarlet Tanager.

Congratulations to Richard Bunn and Steve Dinsmore who challenged the Colorado Big Day record on May 10, racking up 192 species, birding 430 miles from Cottonwood Canyon, Baca County to Manitou Experimental Forest, Teller County.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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UPCOMING DFO FIELD TRIPS

July 4-6, Friday-Sunday (NOP)

North Park including Walden, Arapaho NWR, Colorado State Forest

Leader: Bob Spencer, 279-4682

Meet at 0900 at Safeway in Fraser. Friday and Saturday nights in Walden at North Park Motel, 970-723-4271, or in primitive campground one mile north of town. Make own overnight arrangements. Parks pass required. Call leader if going.

July 5, Saturday (WAC)

Waterton Canyon and other foothill destinations

Leader: Norm Lewis, 988-5544

Meet at 0700 at parking lot at Waterton Canyon. Full day trip. Bring lunch. Be prepared to walk.

July 6, Sunday (DCC)

Deer Creek Canyon, Meyer Ranch, Lair o' the Bear Park

Leader: J.B. Hayes, 798-9683

Meet at Deer Creek Canyon Rd. and Wadsworth Blvd. (first stoplight south of C-470 on Wadsworth) at 0730. Carpooling optional. Bring lunch. To avoid traffic and heat trip will end mid-afternoon.

July 12, Saturday (BOU)

Boulder, South Mesa Trail and Conda Quarry Rd.

Leaders: Suzi and Myron Plooster, 494-6708

Meet at 0730 on north side of U.S. Dept. of Commerce Boulder Laboratories. From U.S. 36 take Baseline exit. Go west on Baseline Rd. to light at 27th Way. Turn left continuing to Broadway (light). Cross Broadway and enter lab grounds. The parking lot is on the right. Bring lunch. Trip will end early afternoon.

July 13, Sunday (PRP)

Parker Regional Park

Leader: Sherry Chapman, 699-1351

Meet in parking lot of Parker Regional Park. From Parker Rd. 1.3 miles south of Main St. in Parker, turn right into lot. Bring lunch. Good trip for beginning birders.

July 16, Wednesday (GGC)

Golden Gate Canyon

Leader: David Laliberte, 297-2504

Meet at 0700 at Park-n-Ride at I-70 and Ward Rd. Foothills to mountain birding. Bring lunch. Try a weekday trip to beat the weekend crowds in the parks.

July 19, Saturday (FIP)

Filius Park to include Echo and Summit Lakes

Leader: Lynn Willcockson, 757-7000

Meet to carpool at 0730 at Park-n-Ride on east side of Union Blvd. just south of W. 6th Ave., or meet at Filius Park. From I-70 west, take Evergreen exit, then take first Bergen Park exit, right to Filius Park. Bring lunch. \$6.00 per vehicle charge for Mt. Evans portion of trip.

July 20, Sunday (UWR)

Upper White Ranch

Leader: Phil Hayes, 763-2813

Meet at 0730 at Park-n-Ride at I-70 and Ward Rd. Bring lunch. Be prepared for walking.

Good trip for beginning birders.

July 26, Saturday (MTL)

Mount Lindo

Leader: Dieter Kamm, 697-9681

Meet at 0800 at Park-n-Ride at southwest corner of Wadsworth Blvd. and US 285. Or meet leader at 0830 at entrance gate to Mt. Lindo on S. Turkey Creek, one third mile east of Tiny Town Railroad Station. Half day trip. Walking on dirt road for about 2.5 miles round trip.

July 26-27, Saturday-Sunday (TAM)

Tamarack Ranch, Red Lion, and Jumbo Reservoirs

Leader: Jack Reddall, 771-5308

Meet at 0630 on Saturday at hunter check station at Tamarack Ranch SWA, 0.5 miles north of Crook Exit 149 off I-76. Camp at meeting place or Jumbo Reservoir SWA. Motels in Sterling and Julesburg. Bring lunch for two days. \$3.00 SWA permit per vehicle for entering Jumbo. Call leader if going.

July 27, Sunday (SIL)

Silverthorne area

Leader: Virginia Bleck, 320-6130

Meet leader at 0630 to carpool at Park-n-Ride on east side of Union Blvd. just south of W. 6th Ave., or in Wendy's parking lot in Silverthorne at 0800. Bring lunch. Trip will end about 1400.

Trips scheduled by Patty Echelmeyer, 233-4947.

FIELD TRIP GUIDELINES

The following guidelines should be followed when participating in a DFO Field Trip:

Call the Colorado Rare Bird Alert before going on a field trip to determine if there have been any cancellations or changes in schedule.

Carpool if possible so the leader will have fewer cars to keep track of and get parked at stops. Carpooling also saves gasoline and reduces air pollution. Stay reasonably close to the group whether en route or on foot.

Do not leave the group without notifying the leader. Everyone is expected to share in the mileage expenses on scheduled DFO field trips. The suggested share is 10 cents per mile divided by the number of people in the car including the driver.

Accommodations can usually be made for persons with disabilities. Contact Jackie King, 303-287-1644.



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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING ON THE FIRST WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER THROUGH MAY, EXCEPT FOR DECEMBER, AT 7:30 PM, DENVER MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, RICKETSON AUDITORIUM

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, September 3

Program: To be announced

NOTE: Please call the Colorado Rare Bird Alert for special DFO Meeting announcements or cancellations

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FIELD TRIP SUMMARY JUNE 1997

June 1, Sunday (BAR)

Barr Lake State Park

Leaders: Lee and Marilyn Rowe

0800-1200. Zero miles by car, 3.0 miles on foot.

Clear, wind west 6-12 mph, 55-82°F.

Observers: Liz Bond, Dan Brachear, Ellen Brown, Dennis Downing, Gregg Goodrich, Don Hall, Chris Mendez, Richard Mendez, Chris Owens, Barbara Smith.

43 species. 842 individuals.

June 7, Saturday (CSP)

Chatfield State Park

Leader: Bobbie Ausfahl

0745-1200. Zero miles by car, 1.5 miles on foot.

Fair and calm.

Observers: Marge Burgess, Grace Hahn, Sonja Hahn, Ann Lee, Barb Thomas, Amy Young.

30 species. 111 individuals.

June 8, Sunday (APX)

Apex Park

Leader: Warren Finch

0600-1330. Zero miles by car, 6.0 miles on foot.

Partly cloudy to fog and rain, wind northeast

0-10 mph, 50-65°F.

Observers: Marlene Andrews, Gregg Goodrich, Jean Morgan, Anne Southcott.

48 species. 244 individuals.

June 7-8, Saturday-Sunday (GRJ)

Grand Junction area to include "Old U.S. Hwy 6" to the Utah State Line, Colorado National Monument, Colorado River State Park, Cameo and Island Acres State Recreation Area.

Leader: Jack Reddall

17.5 hours birding. 160 miles by car, 5.0 miles on foot.

Partly cloudy to cloudy, evening rain showers, wind variable 0-10 mph, 51-74°F.

Observers: George Armbrust, Gail Campbell, Lucy Hoag, Wendell Hoag, Mark Hullinger, Randy Lentz, Richard Mendez, Chris Olson, Gene Rutherford, Margo Shimel, Traci Shimel, Robin Ward-Shimel, Liz Willcockson, Lynn Willcockson, Rhonda Woodward.

73 species, 1,104 individuals.

June 14, Saturday (FCP)

Fountain Creek Regional Park, Hanna Ranch and Big Johnson Reservoir

Leader: Ed Holub

0730-1430. 28 miles by car, 3.0 miles on foot.

Cloudy, turning partly cloudy, calm, 60-80°F.

Observers: Kitty Albee, Bob Goycoolea.

63 species. 628 individuals.

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June 15, Sunday

(EVR)

Evergreen area

Leader: Bill Brockner

0700-1230. 40 miles by car, 2.0 miles on foot.

Clear, wind east 1-3 mph, 48-65°F.

Observers: Mary Burger, Dennis Downing, Kurt Hebner, Lucy Hoag, Wendell Hoag, Connie Huyck, Ann Lee, Chuck Lowrie, Dave Quesenberry, Nancy Quesenberry, Sue Schulman, Bruce VanderLee, Amy Young.
33 species. 112 individuals.

June 21, Saturday

(RMP)

Rocky Mountain National Park

Leader: Bob Righter

0800-1500. 40 miles by car, 3.0 miles on foot.

Clear to rain. 75°F.

Observers: George Armbrust, Warren Finch, Gregg Goodrich, Lucy Hoag, Wendell Hoag, Alicia Kamm, Dieter Kamm, Norm Lewis, Alberta Nelson, Myron Plooster, Suzi Plooster, Jack Reddall, Gene Rutherford, Karleen Schofield, Anne Southcott, Bob Spencer, Mort Staatz, Vito Tursi.
45 species. 231 individuals.

June 22, Sunday

(BHP)

Bellmar Historic Park and Sanctuary Park

Leader: Karleen Schofield

0800-1330. 3.0 miles by car, 3.0 miles on foot.

Clear to partly cloudy, wind east 0-1 mph, 60-95°F.

Observers: Al Clebsch, Peter Spanberger, Vito Tursi.
39 species. 575 individuals.

June 25, Wednesday

(GGC)

Golden Gate Canyon and State Park

Leaders: Glenn and Jeane Hageman

0745-1545. 43.8 miles by car, 1.8 miles on foot.

Mostly sunny, wind variable 0-10 mph, 64-80°F.
Observers: Karen Metz, Jean Morgan, Eileen Parker, Tim Parker, Karleen Schofield, Linda Senser, Amy Young.
63 species. 324 individuals.

June 28, Saturday (LLA)

Longmont, Lyons Area to include Jim Hamm Park, Union Reservoir and Peaceful Valley

Leader: Bill Prather

0730-1600. 80 miles by car, 4.0 miles on foot.

Clear to partly cloudy, calm, 73-88°F.

Observers: Mary Burger, Roberto Downing, Myriam Friggins, Lucy Hoag, Wendell Hoag, D.W. King, Urling Kingery, Inez Prather, Dick Pratt, Amy Young.

68 species. 465 individuals.

June 29, Sunday (HAR)

Hack Ranch, Georgia Pass and Milligan Lake

Leader: Carol Hack and Kathy Hawkins

0830-1615. 40 miles by car, 2.0 miles on foot.

Partly cloudy, wind variable 0-10 mph, 45-75°F.

Observers: Warren Finch, Peggy Gonder, Lucy Hoag, Wendell Hoag, Alicia Kamm, Dieter Kamm, Karen Kloverstrom, Marta Lindsay, Chuck Lowrie, Ray Medeiros, Dave Quesenberry, Dorothy Reddall, Jack Reddall, Syl Sather, Karleen Schofield, Dick Schottler, Mort Staatz, Amy Young.

70 species. 493 individuals.

TUESDAY BIRDERS

June 24, Tuesday (CAC)

Castlewood Canyon State Park

Leader: Ann Bonnell. 21 observers.

0900-1230. 1 mile by car, 2.0 miles on foot.

Sunny to partly cloudy, wind northeast 6 mph,

55-66°F. 45 species. 392 individuals.

June 10, Tuesday (UWR)

Upper White Ranch Park

Leader: Ann Bonnell. 23 observers.

0900-1230. 8 miles by car, 2.0 miles on foot.

Mostly cloudy, wind northwest 0-5 mph, 57°F.

30 species. 107 individuals.

June 17, Tuesday (DAP)

Daniels Park and Cherokee Castle

Leaders: Tweet Kimball and Ann Bonnell.

43 observers.

1000-1330. 8 miles by car, 0.75 miles on foot.

Partly cloudy, wind southeast 5 mph, 65°F.

29 species. 109 individuals.

June 24, Tuesday (LLA)

Los Lagos near Rollinsville

Leaders: Phyllis Baldwin, Judy Miller, Ann Bonnell. 51 observers.

0800-1130. 3 miles by car, 2.0 miles on foot.

Sunny to cloudy, wind north 2-5 mph, 62°F.

32 species. 149 individuals.

Monna Krebs, compiler.

CORRECTION TO MAY FIELD TRIP REPORTS

The trip list for Jackie King's field trip on May 24-26 to Crescent Lake SWA in Nebraska failed to list 54 Western Meadowlarks.

DFO PROGRAMS

Program ideas anyone? Monthly programs for the next year are now being planned. If you have any ideas for speakers or topics you would find interesting, or if you would like to present a program yourself, please contact Dick Schottler at 303-278-8035, 25 S. Indiana Pl., Golden, 80401.

IN MEMORIAM

DFO member Wally Collins died after a short illness on June 30, 1997. Memorial services were held at the University of Colorado on Saturday, July 12. Wally was Emeritus Music Professor at the University of Colorado. His interest in birding came somewhat late in life. His one goal was to reach 700 ABA species by the age of 70. He accomplished this goal by observing a Rufous-capped Warbler in Arizona last year. Wally helped foster the development of electronic birding in Colorado, suggesting and arranging with DFO's then RBA compiler, Duane Nelson, an e-mail account so that the Colorado RBA could be present on BIRDWEST. Wally was instrumental in putting together the now popular and informative COBIRDS, our Colorado Birding Listserve.

SPECIES	1 BAR	7 CSP	8 APX	7-8 GRJ	14 FCP	15 EVR	21 RMP	22 BHP	25 GGC	28 LLA	29 HAR	3 CAC	10 UWR	17 DAP	24 LLA
Common Loon					2										
Eared Grebe					3						25				
Western Grebe	2				28					20					
Clark's Grebe					3					2a2i					
American White Pelican	7	2						3		25					
Double-crested Cormorant	6	9			25			4		2					
Great Blue Heron	5	6		1	20		1	2		2		4		1	2
Snowy Egret	6														
Green Heron								1a							
Black-crowned Night-Heron			1	1a				1a							
Canada Goose	120	11		9a35i	85	4	2	155		25	90				
Wood Duck				3						1					
Green-winged Teal					6						1				
Mallard	30	2	1	16	8	4	1	38a 14i	6	11a 20i	8	1			1a2i
Northern Pintail					1						1				
Blue-winged Teal					2						2				
Cinnamon Teal					1					1	1				
Northern Shoveler					6			2		1					
Gadwall	6				10			8			30				
American Wigeon											1				
Canvasback					1						1				
Redhead					1			1		1	6				
Ring-necked Duck							2				3				5
Lesser Scaup					1						15				
Bufflehead											8				
Common Merganser				1f6i											
Ruddy Duck					1					1	8				
Turkey Vulture		2		4		1	1		1	5	1	19		1	
Northern Harrier				1f											
Cooper's Hawk			1												
Swainson's Hawk	5										2				
Red-tailed Hawk										3		1		1	
Western races			1		5				5		3				
Golden Eagle				4a						2a1i	1				
American Kestrel	5		1	2	2			2f	1	2		3			
Peregrine Falcon				2a											
Chukar				2											
Ring-necked Pheasant	2h			1f1m											
Blue Grouse			1												
White-tailed Ptarmigan							2								
Gambel's Quail				15											
Virginia Rail								2		1h	2				
Sora								1,1h		1h					
American Coot					5			10a 22i		20					
Killdeer	7			4	2			1		3	2				
American Avocet								5a3i			8				
Spotted Sandpiper	1			3	1		2	2	2		2				
Common Snipe											7				2h
Wilson's Phalarope											12				

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Franklin's Gull					3										
Ring-billed Gull	1	2			6										
Rock Dove			12	70	3			2	3						
Band-tailed Pigeon						18									
Mourning Dove	18		4	60	8			6	4	6		2	1		
Great Horned Owl	3											2			
Long-eared Owl				1											
Common Nighthawk				30											
White-throated Swift				20					3	7					
Black-chinned Hummingbird				4											
Calliope Hummingbird														1	
Broad-tailed Hummingbird			5	2		4	20		4	8	8	13	3	12	21
Belted Kingfisher					2			2							
Lewis' Woodpecker									2						
Red-headed Woodpecker					1										
Red-naped Sapsucker							4		2	1	10				
Williamson's Sapsucker						1	4								1
Downy Woodpecker "Rocky Mountain" race	1		1		2							1			
Hairy Woodpecker "Rocky Mountain" race						1	1		3						2
Three-toed Woodpecker							2				1				
Northern Flicker "Yellow-shafted" race	1						3					2	3		2
"Red-shafted" race	6	1	4	5	5			6	5	1	2				
Olive-sided Flycatcher											3				
Western Wood-Pewee	3	4	1	2	5	2	1		7	1	1		2	2	
Willow Flycatcher		1													
Hammond's Flycatcher							1								
Dusky Flycatcher											2				
Cordilleran Flycatcher			3				2		1	1		1		2	3
Empidonax species			1						2						
Say's Phoebe				2	2										
Ash-throated Flycatcher				4											
Western Kingbird	40	1		40	14				3	2					
Eastern Kingbird	15	3		1	20							1			
Horned Lark				25			4				30			3	
Tree Swallow	2					4	15	5	2	16	20	2	3	10	7
Violet-green Swallow			10	60		4	30		11	14	4	12	12	5	4
No. Rough-winged Swallow	4	5		7	30			6							
Bank Swallow								2							
Cliff Swallow			10	60	60			57	63	10	15	200		4	
Barn Swallow	3		5	55	35	4		6	5	6	4	12		3	
Gray Jay											5				1
Steller's Jay			10			4	4		4	1		1	1		
Blue Jay					2			1	1	1					
Western Scrub-Jay				2								7		3	
Pinyon Jay				25											
Clark's Nutcracker							2			2	1				
Black-billed Magpie	12		10	50	12		15	13	7		4	6	2	3	
American Crow		1	5		2	4	4		2		1	4	1	4	2

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Common Raven			2	9		2	6		3		2	1	3	1	5
Black-capped Chickadee	5		10		1				5			2			
Mountain Chickadee						1	6		3	10	2		2		2
Plain Titmouse				2											
Bushtit				3											
Red-breasted Nuthatch						1				1h					
White-breasted Nuthatch					1	1			1	4		3	4		3
Pygmy Nuthatch			5			1			4	1			3		
Brown Creeper							1								
Rock Wren				4					7			2			
Canyon Wren				2								1			
Bewick's Wren				7											
House Wren	4	12	5	2	12		20		4	2	1	1	5	2	
Marsh Wren										3h					
American Dipper										1					
Ruby-crowned Kinglet			1			1	10		2h	6	4				12
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher				8											
Western Bluebird			2			2							2	1	
Mountain Bluebird				1m			5		6		8	14	10	12	4
Townsend's Solitaire									1h		2	1	1		1
Swainson's Thrush	1														
Hermit Thrush							20		1	1h	3				
American Robin	12	7	15	17	30	2		6	12	20	4	13	3		12
Gray Catbird		1		1						1					
Northern Mockingbird				4											
Brown Thrasher	1														
American Pipit							15								
Loggerhead Shrike				2								1			
European Starling	35		5	90	30		1	14a3i	5	26	5	2		12	
Gray Vireo				2											
Solitary Vireo "Plumbeous" race				2					1h						
Warbling Vireo	1	1	3			1	15		4	6	6	1	3		
Orange-crowned Warbler		1													
Virginia's Warbler			2				2		2				1		
♦ Lucy's Warbler				1											
Yellow Warbler	9	9		3	14				3	6	6	5			
Yellow-rumped Warbler "Audubon's" race						1	5		1	4	5				5
American Redstart		1													
Common Yellowthroat	3	2			9										
Wilson's Warbler							1			2	5				
Yellow-breasted Chat			1		1				2h	1					
Western Tanager			4			1			3			2			
Rose-breasted Grosbeak			2												
Black-headed Grosbeak			8	7		6			1			2		2	
Blue Grosbeak				1m	1										
Lazuli Bunting		2			3				3	1			1		
Green-tailed Towhee	1		8				2		2	1			4		
Spotted Towhee		1	25	3m	1				9	2		6	2	2	
Chipping Sparrow			5	3			4		4	4			12		4

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Brewer's Sparrow			2	3											
Vesper Sparrow							1				8	1	2	2	1
Lark Sparrow				10											
Black-throated Sparrow				4											
Sage Sparrow				3											
Savannah Sparrow											10				2
Grasshopper Sparrow					2										
Fox Sparrow											1				
Song Sparrow	2	3	3	1	5	1		1h	6	6	1				1
Lincoln's Sparrow							2				6				
White-crowned Sparrow							2				8				
Dark-eyed Junco "Gray-headed" race						4	4		5	10	2		4		6
Red-winged Blackbird	200	8	5	25	30	18		35a4i	15	30	6	8			5
Western Meadowlark	7	7	2	55	8			3	3		1	2	10	2	
Yellow-headed Blackbird								4		7					
Brewer's Blackbird			5	25		1		4a2i	7		5	2			8
Common Grackle	200	3	10		23	1		54a4i	5	54	5			5	
Brown-headed Cowbird	3		5	25	5		2	6	3		5	7		1	3
Bullock's Oriole	38		10	10	8				4	2a3i					
Scott's Oriole				1m											
Brown-capped Rosy-Finch							1								
Pine Grosbeak											3				
Cassin's Finch											12		3		3
House Finch	6	1	5	95	8	4		12	10	4		12	2	4	
Red Crossbill									15						16
Pine Siskin							10		2	1	15	4		2	3
Lesser Goldfinch "Green-backed" race "Black-backed" race				2	1	7			1 8			3	2	4	
American Goldfinch		2	3		1				2			2			
Evening Grosbeak						1									
House Sparrow	3		4	35	3			39		20	1			2	
TOTAL SPECIES	43	30	48	73	63	33	45	39	63	65	70	45	30	29	32
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	842	111	244	1104	628	112	231	575	324	468	493	392	107	109	149

NOTE TO THE FIELD TRIP REPORTS

On Jack Reddall's Grand Junction Area trip June 7-8, Margo Shimel and Richard Mendez reported a Lucy's Warbler at Colorado River State Park (Connected Lakes). The sighting took place about 4:00 pm with the bird in a Russian Olive thicket. It was not refound after extensive searching on the 8th.

ADDITIONAL REPORTS - JUNE, 1997

SPECIES	Date	Count	Location	County	Observers
Common Loon	6/2	1b1w	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
American Bittern	6/29	1	Russell Lakes, San Luis Valley	Saguache	Dan Bridges
Green Heron	6/2	1a	Valco Ponds	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Ferruginous Hawk	6/15-27	2a,3i	North-central Elbert County	Elbert	Karen Metz, Jean Maguire, Joe TenBrink
Black Rail	6/24	2h	Bent's Old Fort Marsh	Otero	Brandon Percival, Jolan Truan
	6/24	2h	West of Fort Lyon	Bent	Brandon Percival, Jolan Truan
	6/24	2	Rds. HH and 16	Bent	Brandon Percival, Jolan Truan
	6/27	1h	Ft. Lyon Rd. HH west of Rd. 14	Bent	Dan Bridges
Great Black-backed Gull	6/24	1i	Neenoshie Reservoir	Kiowa	Brandon Percival, Jolan Truan
Eurasian Collared-Dove	5	6/13	Rocky Ford	Otero	Bob Brown
Western Screech-Owl	6/23	1	Burnt Mill Rd.	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, Jolan Truan
Long-eared Owl	6/28	1,4j	Cottonwood Canyon	Baca	Dan Bridges
Red-headed Woodpecker	6/15-27	2	North-central Elbert County	Elbert	Karen Metz, Jean Maguire, Joe TenBrink
Three-toed Woodpecker	6/2	1	Echo Lake Park	Clear Creek	Bob Brown
Eastern Wood-Pewee	6/15	1	Chatfield State Park	Jefferson	Bob Brown
Least Flycatcher	6/15	4	Chatfield State Park	Jefferson	Bob Brown
Cassin's Kingbird	6/15-27	a few pair	North-central Elbert County	Elbert	Karen Metz, Jean Maguire, Joe TenBrink
Eastern Bluebird	6/1-27	1m	Whitetail Dr., Franktown	Douglas	Karen Metz
	6/2	1m	Elbert Rd.	Elbert	Karen Metz
Gray Vireo	6/27	1s	Picketwire Canyon	Las Animas	Bob Goycoolea
American Redstart	6/29	1fym	Frog Pond, Colorado City	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Ovenbird	6/9	1	Castlewood Canyon Rd.	Douglas	Karen Metz
	6/29	1s	Rye Mountain Park	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Dickcissel	6/18-27	up to 5	Southwestern Elbert County	Elbert	Karen Metz, Jean Maguire, Joe TenBrink
Eastern Towhee	6/21	1	Tamarack Ranch SWA	Logan	Bob Brown
Fox Sparrow	6/11	1s	Alfred Bailey Nesting Area	Summit	Dan Bridges

a = adult, sba = sub-adult, m = male, f = female, mo = molting, j = juvenile, i = immature, d = dead, fym = first year male, fw = first winter, br = breeding plumage, nb = near breeding plumage, b = banded, fs = first summer w = winter plumage, n = nesting, c = calling, s = singing, h = heard, (F) = form submitted

CORRECTIONS TO MAY ADDITIONAL SIGHTINGS

The Bay-breasted Warbler reported by Bob Goycoolea on the 17th of May, was actually seen on May 24, and the Bay-breasted Warbler reported by Mark Hullinger on the 18th of May was seen on May 25.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Marge Burgess	2905 Benton St., Denver, 80214-8527	238-4055
Jackie Dunn	6413 Rd. 82, Elbert, 80106	648-3286
Martha Johns	6179 Holman Ct., Arvada, 80004	431-1845
Cynthia and Tom Langan	7526 S. Trenton Ct., Englewood, 80112	770-9039
Mimi, Robert Jr., and Bob White	3067 Robin Wy., Denver, 80222	759-3666

UPCOMING DFO FIELD TRIPS

August 2, Saturday (GAP)

Guanella Pass to include Bailey and Georgetown

Leader: Bob Spencer, 279-4682

Meet at 0730 at the RTD Park-n-Ride just south of W. Hampden Ave. on S. Wadsworth Blvd. Bring lunch and water.

August 3, Sunday (GGC)

Golden Gate Canyon State Park

Leader: Karleen Schofield, 936-8661

Meet at 0630 at the RTD Park-n-Ride at the northeast corner of W. 4th Ave. and Union Blvd. south of W. 6th Ave. This trip is good for nesting birds of the foothills and mountains. Bring lunch and extra water. Trip will involve three to four miles of walking. State Parks Pass required.

August 9-10, Saturday-Sunday (GRJ)

Grand Junction Area to include Colorado National Monument

Leader: David Quesenberry, 796-7603

Meet leader at 0630 on Saturday, August 9 at the west entrance to the Colorado National Monument. On I-70 travel west from Grand Junction approximately 12 miles to Exit 19 at Fruita, then south to west entrance of the monument. There are motels available in the Grand Junction area, or camping at Island Acres State Park east of Grand Junction. Trip will conclude early Sunday afternoon. There will be a moderate walk of up to 4.0 miles on Saturday. We will look for Gray Vireo, Gray Flycatcher, Black-throated Sparrow, Sage Sparrow, Scott's Oriole and Chukar. Bring lunch for Saturday and Sunday and extra water. State Parks Pass required. Call leader after August 4th to arrange carpooling.

August 9, Saturday (BAR)

Barr Lake State Park

Leaders: Lee and Marilyn Rowe, 659-8069

Meet leaders at the Nature Center at 0800 for a half day trip, lunch optional. State Parks Pass required. Bring drinking water.

August 10, Sunday (SNT)

Stapleton Nature Trail near Chief Hosa

Leader: Doris Cruze, 798-8072

Meet leader at 0730 at the RTD Park-n-Ride on west side of Ward Rd., just north of I-70. This trail has been restored as an interpretive trail for the normally sighted, visually impaired and blind. This trip is especially good for novice birders and new members. Half day trip. Lunch optional.

August 13, Wednesday (CCR)

Cherry Creek Reservoir

Leader: Mort Staatz, 279-6169

Meet leader at 0700 just inside the west gate of park, east of Cherry Creek High School. Go east from S. Yosemite St. on Union Ave.. Half day trip, lunch optional. State Park Pass required.

August 16, Saturday (GMP)

Genesee Mountain Park

Leader: Patti Echelmeyer, 233-4947

Meet leader at 0730 at the RTD Park-n-Ride at the northeast corner of W. 4th Ave. and Union Blvd. south of W. 6th Ave. Bring lunch and extra water.

August 17, Sunday (RMP)

Rocky Mountain National Park

Leader: Lynn Willcockson, 757-7000

Meet to carpool at 0615 at the RTD Park-n-Ride on the northeast corner of N. Sheridan Blvd. and W. 88th Ave. next to the police station. Leader will meet group at 0800 at Park Visitors Center, east of Beaver Meadows entrance. Bring lunch and extra water. U.S. Parks Pass required.

August 23-24, Saturday-Sunday (WTM)

Wet Mountains west of Pueblo

Leader: Brandon Percival, 1-719-547-3722

Meet leader on Saturday August 23rd at 0900 at the St. Charles Trail, four miles north of Lake Isabel on CO-165. Park in the parking lot on the east side of the road. We will look for mountain species on Saturday and foothills and plains species on Sunday. We will spend the day Saturday birding the Wet Mountains, with owling starting at 2100 at St. Charles Trail. We

will try for Northern Saw-whet and Flammulated Owls. On Sunday we will bird the Rye and Colorado City areas, and Burnt Mill Rd. Birders who wish to camp in their vehicles at my cabin are welcome. There is limited room for people who wish to put up a tent around the cabin. Camping is also available around Lake Isabel. The only hotel in the area is the Greenhorn Inn in Colorado City 719-676-3315. Bring flashlights, food, water, and rain gear for this trip. Please plan to get gas in Colorado City as there are no gas stations around Lake Isabel.

August 23, Saturday (BUR)
Buster Ranch and Apple Valley Rd. northwest of Lyons

Suzi and Myron Plooster, 494-6708
 Leave at 0730 from the north parking lot of U.S. Department of Commerce, Boulder Laboratories. 325 Broadway. From U.S. 36, go west on Baseline Rd. to light at 27th Way. Turn left, continuing to Broadway (light). Cross Broadway and enter Lab grounds. Parking lot on right. Carpool from there. Bring lunch and water. Return to Boulder about 1400. Will walk about one mile. Call leader if going to arrange carpools from Denver. Good hummingbird trip in a new area.

August 24, Sunday (TWP)
Two Ponds NWR and Stanley Lake
 Leader: David Rhoades, 424-8633
 Meet at 0800 at the northwest corner of the Target Parking lot on the southwest corner of W. 80th and N. Wadsworth Blvd. Half day trip, lunch optional. Trip is especially good for novice birders and new members.

August 24, Sunday (CCC)
Coal Creek Canyon and Eldora
 Leader: Warren Finch, 233-3372
 Meet to carpool at 0630 at the RTD Park-n-Ride at the northeast corner of W. 4th Ave. and Union Blvd., south of W. 6th Ave. Bird foothills to mountains and look for Band-tailed Pigeon, Fox Sparrow and Golden-crowned Kinglet. Bring lunch and extra water.

August 27, Wednesday (CSP)

Chatfield State Park

Leader: Dick Schottler, 278-8035
 Meet leader at 0630 at the fee station inside the west entrance of park off S. Wadsworth Blvd. 1.5 miles south of C470. Lunch optional. State Parks Pass required.

August 30, Saturday (NEC)
Northeast Colorado

Leader: Joey Kellner, 978-6092
 Meet at 0530 at Colorado Division of Wildlife at 6060 N. Broadway. Exit I-25 at 58th Ave., go west two blocks to Broadway, then north two blocks to parking lot on right. Bring plenty of water and lunch. This trip will include about four miles of walking.

August 31, Sunday (LLR)

Lower Latham Reservoir and nearby areas
 Leader: David Laliberte, 297-2504
 Meet at 0730 at Denver Museum of Natural History at the east end of north parking lot in City Park. Full day trip. Bring lunch.

August 30-Sept. 1, Saturday-Monday (PPH)
Prairie Pot Hole area of Northwestern Nebraska

Leader: Jackie King, 287-1644
 Meet leader 0700, Saturday, August 30 at the east end of north parking lot of the Denver Museum of Natural History in City Park. Bring lunch for three days, extra drinking water and plenty of snacks. Will carpool to Chadron State Park where we can explore both forest and plains habitat then stay overnight (two nights) at McCarroll's Motel, 308-762-3680 in Alliance. Motel rates are \$34 plus tax for single and \$38 plus tax for double. Sunday will be spent at Crescent Lake SWA looking at shorebirds, ducks and other species. Monday we will explore smaller wildlife areas and return to Denver by 1800. Please make overnight arrangements yourself. Call leader if going so carpools can be arranged. Trip will involve some rough roads so high clearance or four-wheel drive vehicles are recommended. Bring rain gear and be prepared for both hot and cold weather.

Trips scheduled by Jackie King, 287-1644.

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DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS - Membership Information

WELCOME TO THE DFO

PURPOSE: The prime objective of the club is to promote interest in the study and preservation of birds and their habitats. Members are encouraged to learn about birds in the field, noting species and numbers, while learning about their songs and calls, as well as habits and habitats.

REGULAR MEETINGS: The general meetings are held each month (except June, July, August, and December) at 7:30 PM at the Denver Museum of Natural History. Dates and subjects of the meetings are reported on the Colorado Rare Bird Alert (424-2144) and in the *Lark Bunting*. The meetings are open to the public without charge.

FIELD TRIPS: These are scheduled for almost every Saturday and Sunday throughout the year to a variety of habitats near Denver. Occasionally special trips are arranged to good birding areas in other parts of Colorado and surrounding states. Usually it is necessary to bring a lunch, and to wear sturdy hiking shoes or boots. Carpooling is encouraged to get the most from bird watching, as well as to save time and energy. Carpooling cost is 10 cents per mile divided by the number of people in the car including the driver.

BULLETIN: A monthly bulletin, the *Lark Bunting*, is issued to all members, listing field trips scheduled. A complete list of bird seen on the previous month's trips is given in checklist order as are interesting sightings reported by members.

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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING ON THE FIRST WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER THROUGH MAY, EXCEPT FOR DECEMBER, AT 7:30 PM, DENVER MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, RICKETSON AUDITORIUM

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, September 3

Program: "Colorado's Fall Migrants"

Speaker: Harold Holt

NOTE: Please call the Colorado Rare Bird Alert for special DFO Meeting announcements or cancellations

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FIELD TRIP SUMMARY JULY 1997

July 4-6, Friday-Sunday (NOP)

*North Park including Walden, Arapaho NWR
and Colorado State Forest*

Leader: Bob Spencer

30 hours birding. 370 miles by car. 3.0 miles
on foot.

Clear mornings, scattered clouds in afternoons.

Wind west 0-10 mph.

Observers: George Armbrust, Selma Berman,
Oveta DeBoer, Robert DeBoer, Gail Evans,
Milly Jones, Jackie King, Pete Mulholland,
Shirley Spencer, Emily Wiersma, Ralph
Wiersma, Ru Wing.

98 species. 1,409 individuals.

July 5, Saturday (WAC)

*Waterton Canyon, adjacent ponds and South
Platte River*

Leader: Norm Lewis

0700-1430. 0.5 miles by car. 3.0 miles on foot.

Clear to partly cloudy, wind variable 0-20 mph,
65-86°F.

Observers: Meredith Anderson, Kathy Emmack,
Bill Hessler, David Quesenberry.

52 species. 499 individuals.

July 6, Sunday (DCC)

*Deer Creek Canyon, Meyer Ranch, Lair o' the
Bear Park*

Leader: J.B. Hayes

0730-1430. 40 miles by car. 1.0 miles on foot.

Clear early, afternoon cloudy, wind variable

0-10 mph, 61-85°F.

Observers: Dennis Downing, Warren Finch,
Diane Fries, Bruce Vanderlee.

58 species. 366 individuals.

July 12, Saturday (BOU)

Boulder, Conda Quarry Rd., Eldorado Canyon

Leaders: Suzi and Myron Plooster

0745-1400. Zero miles by car. 3.0 miles on foot.

Clear, calm, 70-80°F.

Observers: Marlene Andrews, Ferd Dirckx,
Dennis Downing, Jean Frazier, Lucy Hoag,
Wendell Hoag, Connie Huyck, Rosalyn Mullins.
33 species, 293 individuals.

July 13, Sunday (PRP)

Parker Regional Park

Leader: Sherry Chapman

Five hours birding. 12 miles by car, 1.0 miles on
foot.

Clear, calm, wind 55-83°F.

THE LARK BUNTING

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The Denver Field Ornithologists was organized as the Colorado Bird Club in 1935, and membership is open to anyone interested in the birds of the Denver area in particular, and the birds of Colorado in general. The DFO presents monthly evening programs (except in the summer) and conducts about 100 field trips annually.

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Observers: Dennis Downing, Warren Finch,
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TenBrink.

55 species. 676 individuals.

July 16, Wednesday

(GGC)

Golden Gate Canyon

Leader: David Laliberte

0715-1530. 54.5 miles by car.

1.3 miles on foot.

Clear to overcast, brief rain, wind 0-15 mph,
70-86°F.

Observers: Oveta DeBoer, Robert DeBoer,
Rosalyn Mullins, Karleen Schofield, Vito Tursi,
Emilie Wiersma, Ralph Wiersma.

61 species. 322 individuals.

July 19, Saturday

(FIP)

Filius Park to include Echo and Summit Lakes and West Chicago Creek

Leader: Lynn Willcockson

0800-1515. 65 miles by car, 2.75 miles on foot.

Partly cloudy to cloudy, rain in afternoon, wind
south 5-15 mph, 60-75°F.

Observers: Marlene Andrews, Dennis Downing,
Gail Evans, Cal Frazier, Jean Frazier, Peggy
Gonder, Ella Jones, Marie Jordan, Bruce
Margoshes, Joe Margoshes, Teri Margoshes,
Sue Schulman, Tricia Silvestri, Marlin Weaver.

41 species. 163 individuals.

July 20, Sunday

(UWR)

Upper White Ranch

Leader: Phil Hayes

0745-1245. 30 miles by car. 3.0 miles on foot.

Partly cloudy, wind east 3-8 mph, 60-65°F.

Observers: Karin Donnerstag, Jim Perry.

28 species. 104 individuals.

July 26, Saturday

(MTL)

Mount Lindo

Leader: Dieter Kamm

0830-1245. Zero miles by car, 2.5 miles on foot.

Sunny turning cloudy, calm, 70-75°F.

Observers: Jack Allahand, Marilyn Allahand,
Dennis Downing, Kay Engel, Alicia Kamm,
Peter Spanberger.

27 species. 68 individuals.

July 26-27, Saturday-Sunday (TAM)

*Sterling to Tamarack Ranch, Red Lion SWA,
Jumbo Reservoir, Sedgwick and Julesburg*

Leader: Jack Reddall

15 hours birding. 190 miles by car, 5.0 miles on foot.

Partly cloudy to cloudy, wind variable 5-10 mph, 60-95°F.

Observers: Kitty Albee, George Armbrust, Carol Fredericks, Ken Fredericks, Lucy Hoag, Wendell Hoag, Susan Jenkins, Randy Lentz, Norm Lewis, Chuck Walters, Ingrid Wright, Ralph Wright.

99 species. 5,333 individuals.

July 27, Sunday (SIL)

Silverthorne area

Leader: Virginia Bleck

0800-1350. 30 miles by car. 1.5 miles on foot.

Cloudy, calm, 52-70°F.

No observers.

37 species. 393 individuals.

TUESDAY BIRDERS

July 1, Tuesday (PVR)

Pine Valley Ranch Park

Leader: Ann Bonnell. 22 observers.

0830-1230. Zero miles by car. 2.0 miles on foot. Clear, wind west 10-25 mph, 68-78°F.

25 species. 97 individuals.

July 8, Tuesday (ICC)

Indian Creek Campground to Sprucewood

Leader: Ann Bonnell. 29 observers.

0930-1230. 3.0 miles by car. 2.5 miles on foot.

Clear to cloudy, calm, 68-76°F.

24 species. 56 individuals.

July 15, Tuesday (EVL)

Evergreen Lake to Alderfer Three Sisters Park

Leaders: Alice Kruze, Else Van Erp.

15 observers.

0830-1230. Zero miles by car. 2.0 miles on foot. Mostly sunny, calm, 70-76°F.

30 species. 212 individuals.

July 22, Tuesday (SQP)

Squaw Pass to Summit Lake

Leader: Ann Bonnell. 16 observers.

0900-1230. 30 miles by car. 0.5 miles on foot.

Partly sunny, wind southeast 0-5 mph, 65-75°F.

27 species. 201 individuals.

July 29, Tuesday (GUA)

Guanella Pass, Burning Bear Campground and Georgetown

Leader: Ann Bonnell. 14 observers.

0830-1330. 100 miles by car. 0.5 miles on foot.

Partly cloudy, calm, 60-65°F.

23 species. 101 individuals.

Monna Krebs, compiler.

BEGINNING BIRDWATCHING CLASS

Beginning birdwatchers can learn the basics in a six field trip, two evening session class sponsored by Denver Audubon Society. Taught by long-time DFO members Urling and Hugh Kingery, it starts with an evening session on September 25, followed by Saturday field trips from September 27 to November 8. Fee is \$100 for Audubon Members and \$120 for non-members.

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SPECIES	4-6	5	6	12	13	16	19	20	26	26-27	27	1	8	15	22	29
	NOP	WAC	DCC	BOU	PRP	GGC	FIP	UWR	MTL	TAM	SIL	PVR	ICC	EGL	SQP	GUA
Common Loon										3						
Pied-billed Grebe	2	2								3						
Eared Grebe	29															
Western Grebe	20															
American White Pelican	41									140						
Double-crested Cormorant	11	17			7					4				1		
Great Blue Heron	2	14	1							3		1				
Black-crowned Night-Heron	3				3	2										
Canada Goose	70	8				125				400				3		
Wood Duck										3						
Green-winged Teal	23															
Mallard	14	8	1a1i		12	14	2			15	1	3a10i		12		
Northern Pintail	7															
Blue-winged Teal	2									1						
Cinnamon Teal	6															
Northern Shoveler	6															
Gadwall	20				2					1						
American Wigeon	33									1						
Redhead	6															
Ring-necked Duck	16															
Lesser Scaup	10															
Hooded Merganser										1f						
Common Merganser	5	1														
Ruddy Duck	15									7						
Turkey Vulture	1		2	1	10	1	1					1	2	1		1
Osprey											1					
Bald Eagle	2a															
Northern Harrier	2															
Cooper's Hawk			1							1a		1		1		
Northern Goshawk	1			1												
Accipiter species							1						1			
Swainson's Hawk	2		1							7						
Red-tailed Hawk	1	4	3		3	1					2	2		1		1
Western races								4	1	6						
Buteo species															1	
Golden Eagle	2															
American Kestrel	1	2			3	2				5						

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	NOP	WAC	DCC	BOU	PRP	GGC	FIP	UWR	MTL	TAM	SIL	PVR	ICC	EGL	SQP	GUA
Prairie Falcon				1												
Ring-necked Pheasant										2f4i						
Sage Grouse	14															
Northern Bobwhite										15						
Virginia Rail										2						
American Coot	50									15						
Black-bellied Plover										1						
Semipalmated Plover										1						
Killdeer	13	3			13	1				40						3
American Avocet	2	7								10						
Greater Yellowlegs										2						
Lesser Yellowlegs	2									3						
Solitary Sandpiper										3						
Willet	6									2						
Spotted Sandpiper	4	1			1					4	1	3				
Upland Sandpiper										8						
Marbled Godwit										2						
Semipalmated Sandpiper	1															
Western Sandpiper										7						
Least Sandpiper										80						
Baird's Sandpiper										350						
Stilt Sandpiper										80						
Long-billed Dowitcher										15						
Common Snipe	1															
Wilson's Phalarope	7									50						
Red-necked Phalarope										1f						
Franklin's Gull										1500						
Ring-billed Gull										250						
California Gull	273	2								2						
Gull species			1													
Forster's Tern	9									5						
Black Tern	5									150						
Rock Dove				15		1				10				6		
Band-tailed Pigeon							33									
Mourning Dove	2	13	10	3	6	8		2	4	350	3			1		
Black-billed Cuckoo										1						
Great Horned Owl	2									1						

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	NOP	WAC	DCC	BOU	PRP	GGC	FIP	UWR	MTL	TAM	SIL	PVR	ICC	EGL	SQP	GUA
Northern Pygmy-Owl				1												
Burrowing Owl										8						
Common Nighthawk	3									10						
Chimney Swift										30						
White-throated Swift			6	20					1							
Broad-tailed Hummingbird	10	3	12	6	12	6	9	8	3		2	17	7	1	3	3
Rufous Hummingbird						1	4		1		4				1	
Hummingbird species															20	
Belted Kingfisher		5			1					4				1		
Lewis' Woodpecker						2										
Red-headed Woodpecker										20						
Red-bellied Woodpecker										1						
Red-naped Sapsucker	10										2				2ali	1
Downy Woodpecker		3	2	1	1					2				2		1
Eastern races																
Hairy Woodpecker					1										3	
"Rocky Mountain" race							1	2			1					
Eastern race																
Northern Flicker	3	7										2	1		1	
"Yellow-shafted" race										1						
"Red-shafted" race			2		5	6		3		10						
Olive-sided Flycatcher	1															
Western Wood-Pewee	2	9	2		18	1	3	2h		1	1	1				
Willow Flycatcher					2											
Hammond's Flycatcher	1		2													
Dusky Flycatcher	4					6					1					
Cordilleran Flycatcher			15	1		4	4		4		1	1	3	1	1	
Empidonax species				2							3					
Say's Phoebe	1									2						
Western Kingbird		4	3			2				400						
Eastern Kingbird		1		1	8					60						
Horned Lark	3				1					1						
Tree Swallow	28	10	3		26	6	8	2						4		
Violet-green Swallow	10	7	60	50	8	3	3	4	4		25	18	2	56	1	11
No. Rough-winged Swallow		15	1		40			1								
Bank Swallow						1				7						
Cliff Swallow	224	75	8		60	25		2		15	170		2			

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	NOP	WAC	DCC	BOU	PRP	GGC	FIP	UWR	MTL	TAM	SIL	PVR	ICC	EGL	SQP	GUA
Barn Swallow	3	25	6	10	2	5	1			450			1	10		
Gray Jay															1	
Steller's Jay			1	1		2	3	5	7		4	3		4	2	2
Blue Jay										8						
Western Scrub-Jay			3	4	3											
Clark's Nutcracker						1									3	
Black-billed Magpie	3	1	6	10	35	5	1	1		2	2			3		
American Crow	2	3	3	2	2	4	4	3	1		3	3	2	4	3	1
Common Raven	3			10		1	1				1	1	1		125	1
Black-capped Chickadee		7	4		19	2			2	6						
Mountain Chickadee	2		2			2	2	4	6		8		3	8	4	4
Bushtit																
Red-breasted Nuthatch			1						1				1		1	2
White-breasted Nuthatch	1					1h	2	1h	1							
Pygmy Nuthatch			1			2h	4		1							
Brown Creeper									1		1					
House Wren	8	13	4	2	10	6	6	4	1	50	6	2	2		1	
Marsh Wren	3h															
American Dipper	1			2							1	2				
Golden-crowned Kinglet	2															
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	8		2			3h							1		1	
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher			2		2											
Eastern Bluebird										1i						
Western Bluebird					15		1	2								
Mountain Bluebird	9		9		8	1		20						6		4
Townsend's Solitaire						1h										
Veery	2h															
Hermit Thrush	2h						1						2			1
American Robin	19	12	12	20	30	7	1	2	1	35	10	7	3	12		2
Gray Catbird		4	2		1											
Northern Mockingbird										3						
Sage Thrasher	3															
Brown Thrasher										15						
American Pipit							6								3	
Cedar Waxwing		11				4										
European Starling	3	6	25		55	3				90						
Bell's Vireo										4						

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	NOP	WAC	DCC	BOU	PRP	GGC	FIP	UWR	MTL	TAM	SIL	PVR	ICC	EGL	SQP	GUA
Plumbeous Vireo		1				2	1		1							
Warbling Vireo	6	6	6			3			4	1		2	5	1	1	
Virginia's Warbler		4	1			1			3							
Yellow Warbler	15	32	4		24			1h		6	3					
Yellow-rumped Warbler							1								1	2
"Myrtle" race																
"Audubon's" race	6					2					2		1			
Ovenbird													4			
MacGillivray's Warbler	1		1			3							1			
Common Yellowthroat	2h	4			6					15						
Wilson's Warbler	6	1f					4				1					2
Yellow-breasted Chat		9	2	4	3					5						
Western Tanager			3			1	2	8	3							
Black-headed Grosbeak		1	2	2	4	1	1		2	1f		1				
Blue Grosbeak					3					1m						
Lazuli Bunting		19	2	5	4	1		1								
Dickcissel										1m						
Green-tailed Towhee				2		1	2	3				4	2			
Eastern Towhee										4						
Spotted Towhee		8	11	20	1	1h		1	1	2						
Chipping Sparrow			2			2	8	12	2			2	3	1	3	
Brewer's Sparrow	13															
Field Sparrow										2						
Vesper Sparrow	11				1	1				1				4		
Lark Sparrow					4					25						10
Savannah Sparrow	27		2													
Grasshopper Sparrow										15						
Song Sparrow	3	6			2	1h	1				4	5		4		
Lincoln's Sparrow	3					2	3				20			1	4	
White-crowned Sparrow	9										7				1	7
"Dark-colored" races							4				4					
Dark-eyed Junco													3			
"Gray-headed" race	3		6			3	3		2		3				1	11
Red-winged Blackbird	34	22	4		60	2				50	2			50		20
Western Meadowlark	2	5	5	30	4	1		1		300						
Yellow-headed Blackbird	50									3						
Brewer's Blackbird	82		2		2	2					17					

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	NOP	WAC	DCC	BOU	PRP	GGC	FIP	UWR	MTL	TAM	SIL	PVR	ICC	EGL	SQP	GUA
Great-tailed Grackle										1m						
Common Grackle		30	4		35	3				20	2	3		10		
Brown-headed Cowbird	1	7	30	40	10		2		3	10	2	1				3
Orchard Oriole					8					25						
Baltimore Oriole										2m5f						
Bullock's Oriole	1	8	4	1	4					1m1f						
Brown-capped Rosy-Finch							5								8	
Pine Grosbeak	2						1								1m1f	
Cassin's Finch							6									
House Finch	2	1	3	15	20	3	4	4	2	3				2		
Red Crossbill											4	1				
Pine Siskin	10		9			4	11				60		3	1	3	8
Lesser Goldfinch		16	45	6	26											
"Green-backed" race		2				4										
"Black-backed" race		2														
American Goldfinch	2	12	2	4	31	1				5						
Evening Grosbeak							2	1			4					
House Sparrow						9				25						
TOTAL SPECIES	98	52	58	33	55	61	41	28	27	99	37	25	24	30	27	23
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	1409	499	366	293	676	322	163	104	62	5333	393	97	56	212	201	101

ADDITIONAL REPORTS - JULY, 1997

SPECIES	Date	Count	Location	County	Observers
Common Loon	7/25	2w1b	Big Johnson Reservoir	El Paso	Brandon Percival, Bob Dickson
Horned Grebe	7/21-29	1b	Cherry Creek Reservoir	Arapahoe	Bob Brown
American Bittern	7/11	1	West of Fort Lyon	Bent	Brandon Percival, Sherry Chapman
Great Egret	7/28	1	Marsh at Rds. HH and 16	Bent	Brandon Percival, Bob Dickson, Mark Janos
Peregrine Falcon	7/11	1	Arkansas River at La Junta	Otero	Brandon Percival
Blue Grouse	7/6	1m	Top of Round Mountain	Larimer	Dan Bridges
Black Rail	7/11	1	West of Fort Lyon	Bent	Brandon Percival, Sherry Chapman
Mountain Plover	7/26	12	Blue Lake	Bent	Dan Bridges
Upland Sandpiper	7/16	2	Neenoshe Reservoir	Kiowa	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
Pectoral Sandpiper	7/11	1	Adobe Creek Reservoir	Bent	Brandon Percival, Sherry Chapman
Great Black-backed Gull	7/16	1ss	Neenoshe Reservoir	Kiowa	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
♦ Royal Tern	7/17	1a	Neenoshe Reservoir	Kiowa	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	7/27	1	Chatfield State Park	Jefferson	Bob Brown
Greater Roadrunner	7/16	1	Cottonwood Canyon	Las Animas	Dan Bridges
Flammulated Owl	7/1-11	2-6	St. Charles Trail	Custer	Brandon Percival, mo
Western Screech-Owl	7/5-10	1-2	Burnt Mill Rd.	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, mo
Calliope Hummingbird	7/6	1f	Wet Mountains	Custer	Brandon Percival
	7/12	1m	Wetmore	Custer	Brandon Percival, Sherry Chapman
	7/18, 21-24	1f	4400 Bow Mar Dr., Littleton	Jefferson	Tina Jones
	7/19	1f	Ophir Creek Rd.	Custer	Brandon Percival
	7/20, 21, 24, 29-31	1-2m	4400 Bow Mar Dr., Littleton	Jefferson	Tina Jones
	7/20	1m	Roxborough State Park feeder	Douglas	Dan Bridges
Blue-throated Hummingbird	7/16	1m	Cottonwood Canyon	Las Animas	Dan Bridges
Scott's Oriole	7/11	1	Approaching Brewster Ridge on CR U	Mesa	Bob Brown, Lea Ann Brown

a = adult, sbu = sub-adult, m = male, f = female, mo = molting, j = juvenile, i = immature, d = dead, fym = first year male, fw = first winter, br = breeding plumage, nb = near breeding plumage, b = banded, fs = first summer, ss = second summer, w = winter plumage, n = nesting, c = calling, s = singing, h = heard, (F) = form submitted

NOTE TO JULY ADDITIONAL SIGHTINGS

The Royal Tern seen at Neenoshe was first located by Duane Nelson. It is first state record.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Donna Bishop	12202 E. 2nd Dr., Aurora, 80011	751-6772
Diane Fries	1753 S. Cathay St., Aurora, 80017-5421	306-1836
Jane Johnson	1437 E. Nichols Cr., Littleton, 80122	797-2098

UPCOMING FIELD TRIPS

September 6, Saturday (BFC)

Buffalo Creek and Pine Valley Ranch

Leader: Gail Evans, 758-2231

Meet at 0730 at the RTD Park-n-Ride at US 285 (Hampden Ave.) and S. Wadsworth Blvd.

Good birding in the burned area at Buffalo Creek. Will look for Three-toed Woodpeckers. Will walk three to four miles on moderate trails. Bring lunch and extra water.

September 7, Sunday (PUE)

Pueblo Area to include Valco Ponds and Huerfano Lake, time permitting

Leader: David Silverman, 719-489-3565

Meet at 0900 at the K-Mart parking lot. Take I-25 to US 50 West to first stop light (one block) then left into parking lot. Meet leader at north end of parking lot. Bring lunch and extra water.

September 13-14, Fall Count

September 20, Saturday (RRP)

Red Rocks Park and Mt. Falcon

Leader: Lynn Willcockson, 757-7000

Meet leader at 0800 at the Trading Post at Red Rocks Park. Will walk three to four miles on easy trails. Bring lunch and extra water.

September 21, Sunday (SHG)

Swainson's Hawk Gathering

Leader: Charles Preston, Curator of Ornithology, Denver Museum of Natural History, 370-6353.

Meet at 0700 at the northeast corner of the north parking lot of Denver Museum of Natural History. Will travel to the Anton area to view migrating Swainson's Hawks and other raptors. Bring lunch and extra water and spotting scopes. Trip will return by 1500. This trip is limited to 20 - must call for reservations.

September 27, Saturday

(RIG)

Rigli Ranch

Leader: Joe Rigli, 970-432-5200

Meet at 0715 to carpool at the east end of the north parking lot of the Denver Museum of Natural History in City Park, or join group at 0800 at Pepper Pot Restaurant in Hudson (exit I-76, then turn right). Meet leader at 0900 at ranch. From Hudson go east on CO 52 for approximately 32 miles until it turns north. Do not turn north, but continue east on Morgan County Rd. F another 14 miles to CR 14. Turn left, or north, on CR 14 and go about two miles to the first white house on the left, where two boxcars are visible. Bring lunch.

September 27-28, Saturday-Sunday (PUA)

Pueblo area and Southeastern Colorado lakes

Leader: Brandon Percival, 719-547-3722

Meet at 0900 on Saturday at the Valco Ponds parking lot in Pueblo. From I-25 take exit 101 which is US 50 West, go to Pueblo Blvd., turn left or south until you get to CO 96 and then turn right or west. Continue until you see Valco Ponds on the right and then go to the far west of the ponds and turn right into a gravel parking lot. On Saturday we will bird Valco Ponds, Pueblo Reservoir, Rock Canyon and Pueblo West. On Sunday we will leave at 0700 from the K-Mart Caboose in Pueblo at the southwest intersection of US 50 West and Elizabeth St. Please be ready to leave at 0700. We will bird Lakes Henry, Meredith, Cheraw, Holbrook and Rocky Ford SWA. Bring lunch and water for both days. State Parks Pass required. Motels are available in Pueblo for Saturday night.

September 28, Sunday

(ROX)

Roxborough State Park

Leader: J.B. Hayes, 798-9683

Meet at 0800 at Roxborough Visitor's Center inside park. Half day trip. Lunch optional. State Parks Pass required.

Trips scheduled by Lynn Willcockson, 757-7000

1997 FALL COUNT

The annual Fall Bird Count will be held Saturday and Sunday, September 13 and 14. You may contact the leader or simply arrive on time at the meeting place.

September 13, Saturday (CCR)***Cherry Creek Reservoir***

Leader: Bob Brown, 791-6204

Meet at 0700 at west gate to park, east of Dayton St. near Cherry Creek High School.

September 13, Saturday (LBC)***Lower Bear Creek***

Leaders: Bob Spencer 279-4682

Meet at 0700 at Sheridan Blvd. and US 285, in the old King Soopers (now closed) parking lot behind the Conoco Station and across Sheridan Blvd. from Bear Valley Shopping Center.

September 13, Saturday (WAC)***Waterton Canyon***

Leader: Hugh Kingery 333-0161

Meet leader at Waterton Bridge at 0645.

September 13, Saturday (CHA)***Chatfield State Park***

Leader: Joey Kellner, 978-1748

Meet at 0700 at swim beach parking lot near west (Deer Creek) entrance to park. West entrance is on CO 121 (S. Wadsworth), one-half mile south of C470. State Parks Pass required.

September 14, Sunday (RMA)***Rocky Mountain Arsenal***

Leader: Urling Kingery, 333-0161

Register with leader in advance as number of observers is limited.

September 14, Sunday (CAC)***Castlewood Canyon State Park***

Leader: Randy Lentz, 680-3381

Meet at 0700 at old North Entrance to park. From CO 86, one half mile west of Franktown, turn south on Castlewood Canyon Rd. and drive about two miles to entrance, or call leader for details. Optional half or full day trip. State Parks Pass required.

September 14, Sunday (BAR)***Barr Lake State Park***

Leader TBA, contact Warren Finch, 233-3372 for details. This is a ten mile, all day hike around the lake. State Parks Pass required.

September 14, Sunday (BLP)***Barr Lake Periphery***

Leader: Jackie King, 287-1644

Meet at 0630 at Barr Lake State Park entrance station, 13401 Picadilly Rd.

**GUIDELINES FOR DFO EDUCATIONAL
ENDOWMENT GRANT APPLICATION**

The Denver Field Ornithologists has a limited amount of funding available annually to award individuals or organizations who apply for grants for projects that promote interest in the study of birds and the preservation of their habitats. The DFO Board of Directors is now accepting applications for such grants.

Guidelines for Applicants:

1. Applications for grants must be typed and submitted to the DFO Board by January 31. A grant application form is on page following.
2. Thorough details of the project(s) and needed funding are required.
3. The applicant may be asked to present the proposal in person before the Board.
4. Grants to be awarded will be announced in May.
5. Grant recipients must submit a written report to the Board at the completion of the project and may be asked to make a presentation to the membership.
6. Application form is to be returned to the current DFO President.

We invite you to apply for a grant if your project will further the cause of avian study and preservation.

DFO EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENT GRANT APPLICATION

(Fill in or attach requested information)

Name of applicant _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (W) _____ (H) _____

Individual or organization to receive grant _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (W) _____ (H) _____

Description of project:

What are the anticipated starting and completion dates:

Amount of funding requested:

Details of how funds will be used:

Other information for the DFO Board's consideration:

Signature _____ Date _____

All grant applications must be postmarked by January 31.
Return application form and any additional pages to the current DFO President

DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS - Membership Information

WELCOME TO THE DFO

PURPOSE: The prime objective of the club is to promote interest in the study and preservation of birds and their habitats. Members are encouraged to learn about birds in the field, noting species and numbers, while learning about their songs and calls, as well as habits and habitats.

REGULAR MEETINGS: The general meetings are held each month (except June, July, August, and December) at 7:30 PM at the Denver Museum of Natural History. Dates and subjects of the meetings are reported on the Colorado Rare Bird Alert (424-2144) and in the *Lark Bunting*. The meetings are open to the public without charge.

FIELD TRIPS: These are scheduled for almost every Saturday and Sunday throughout the year to a variety of habitats near Denver. Occasionally special trips are arranged to good birding areas in other parts of Colorado and surrounding states. Usually it is necessary to bring a lunch, and to wear sturdy hiking shoes or boots. Carpooling is encouraged to get the most from bird watching, as well as to save time and energy. Carpooling cost is 10 cents per mile divided by the number of people in the car including the driver.

BULLETIN: A monthly bulletin, the *Lark Bunting*, is issued to all members, listing field trips scheduled. A complete list of bird seen on the previous month's trips is given in checklist order as are interesting sightings reported by members.

DFO COLORADO RARE BIRD ALERT --- 303-424-2144

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Please indicate:

☐ — NEW

☐ — RENEWAL

All memberships expire December 31, but are valid for the next year if paid after October 1st.

_____ Regular Family Membership \$15.00
_____ Senior Citizen Membership 12.00 (age 65 or older)
_____ Student Membership 5.00 (age 18 or younger)
_____ Contribution to the Colorado Rare Bird Alert
_____ Contribution to the DFO Educational Endowment Fund

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP Code _____ Telephone _____

Please make checks payable to Denver Field Ornithologists

Send to Treasurer: Glenn Hageman, 448 South Leyden St., Denver, CO 80224, 303-322-6589



THE LARK BUNTING

MONTHLY REPORT OF FIELD OBSERVATIONS OF THE DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS

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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING ON THE FIRST WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER THROUGH MAY, EXCEPT FOR DECEMBER, AT 7:30 PM, DENVER MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, RICKETSON AUDITORIUM

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, October 1
Program: "The Great Texas Coastal Birding Trail"
Speaker: Suzi Plooster

NOTE: Please call the Colorado Rare Bird Alert for special DFO Meeting announcements or cancellations

***** Colorado Rare Bird Alert - 424-2144 *****

FIELD TRIP SUMMARY AUGUST 1997

August 2, Saturday (GAP)

Guanella Pass, Bailey and Georgetown

Leader: Bob Spencer

0800-1530. 35 miles by car. 2.0 miles on foot.

Partly cloudy to cloudy in afternoon, wind west 0-10 mph, 60-75°F.

Observers: George Armbrust, Jack Reddall, Robert Wing, Ru Wing, Amy Young.

35 species. 140 individuals.

August 3, Sunday (GGC)

Golden Gate Canyon and Crawford Gulch Rd.

Leader: Karleen Schofield

0700-1430. 55 miles by car. 2.5 miles on foot.

Clear to partly cloudy, wind west 0-3 mph, 65-91°F.

Observers: George Armbrust, Joyce Bonilla, Ray Bonilla, Marie Jordan, Bill Kossack.

52 species. 406 individuals.

August 9, Saturday (BAR)

Barr Lake State Park

Leaders: Lee and Marilyn Rowe

0800-1230. 10 miles by car. 3.0 miles on foot.

Partly cloudy, wind north 1-24 mph, 58-72°F.

Observers: Marge Burgess, Peggy Gonder, Jack Hamilton, Ellie Jones, Ann Lee, Gene Rutherford, Laura Wathen, Wayne Wathen.
42 species. 691 individuals.

August 9-10, Saturday-Sunday (GRJ)

Grand Junction area to include Colorado National Monument

Leader: David Quesenberry

From 1900 on August 9, to 2230 on August 10.
250 miles by car. 4.0 miles on foot.

Mostly clear, some rain, wind east 0-10 mph, 70-90°F.

Observers: Gail Evans, Karleen Schofield.
56 species. 650 individuals.

August 10, Sunday (SNT)

Stapleton Nature Trail near Chief Hosa

Leader: Doris Cruze

Trip canceled due inclement weather.

August 13, Wednesday (CCR)

Cherry Creek Reservoir

Leader: Mort Staatz

0700-1400. 8 miles by car. 2.5 miles on foot.

Sunny, calm, 70-80°F.

Observers: Ursula Barsch, Jack Hamilton, Laura Wathen, Wayne Wathen.

34 species. 360 individuals.

THE LARK BUNTING

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The Denver Field Ornithologists was organized as the Colorado Bird Club in 1935, and membership is open to anyone interested in the birds of the Denver area in particular, and the birds of Colorado in general. The DFO presents monthly evening programs (except in the summer) and conducts about 100 field trips annually.

Regular individual or family membership is \$15.00 per year. Senior citizen (age 65 or older) is \$12.00 per year. Student (age 18 or younger) membership is \$5.00 per year. Applications for membership should be sent to the Treasurer (see address below). A membership application form is usually attached to the back of the *Lark Bunting*.

Notification of changes in name or address should be sent to the Treasurer. The *Lark Bunting* is sent by third class mail, and will not be forwarded.

Members who fail to receive the *Lark Bunting* by the 25th of the month should contact the Treasurer (Glenn Hageman, 322-6589), as he usually has extra copies. Those who fail to receive the *Lark Bunting* for two or more consecutive months should contact the Treasurer in writing.

Notices or announcements of classes, lectures, special field trips, etc., relating to birds that are intended for inclusion in the *Lark Bunting* should be received in the mail by the Editor no later than the 5th of the month of issue. The Editor reserves the right to accept or refuse and to edit any announcement.

The *Lark Bunting* does not accept advertising.

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August 15-17, Friday-Sunday (WTM)

Wet Mountains and Pueblo area

Leader: Brandon Percival

41 hours birding. 235 miles by car. 8.0 miles on foot.

Clear and sunny to cloudy and rainy,
wind variable 0-20 mph, 35-90°F.

Observers: George Armbrust, Don Beltz, Bryce Bunn, Richard Bunn, Sherry Chapman, Gail Evans, Ivan Getting, Margy Lanham, Mookie McKim, Tim Mitzen, Vince Mitzen, Chris Wood.

129 species. 2,920 individuals.

August 16, Saturday (GMP)

Genesee Mountain Park

Leader: Patti Echelmeyer

0730-1330. 20 miles by car. 0.5 miles on foot.

Sunny to partly cloudy, calm, 65-80°F.

Observers: Marge Burgess, Dave Compton, Jean Tarbel.

18 species. 142 individuals.

August 17, Sunday (RMP)

Rocky Mountain National Park

Leader: Lynn Willcockson

0800-1330. 51 miles by car. 3.0 miles on foot.

Partly cloudy to cloudy with rain and hail in afternoon, wind variable 0-10 mph, 45-65°F.

Observers: Carol Fredericks, Ken Fredericks, Gregg Goodrich, Richard Mendez, Chris Olson, Sue Schulman, Cal Wichern, Liz Willcockson.

26 species. 76 individuals.

August 23, Saturday (BUR)

Buster Ranch and Old St. Vrain Rd.

Leaders: Myron and Suzi Plooster

0830-1400. 2 miles by car. 2.0 miles on foot.

Clear, calm, 75-85°F.

Observers: Marlene Andrews, George Armbrust, Ferd Dircks, Jo Dircks, Carol Fredericks, Ken Fredericks, Bruce Gardner, Jack Hamilton, Gene Rutherford, Steve Sheridan, Barbara Smith, Bob Spencer, Barbara Thomas.

40 species. 398 individuals.

August 24, Sunday (TWP)

Two Ponds NWR and Standley Lake

Leader: David Rhoades

0800-1100. Zero miles by car. 1.0 miles on foot.

Clear, wind 0-3 mph, 80°F.

Observer: Barbara Thomas.

20 species. 88 individuals.

August 24, Sunday (GGC)

Golden Gate Canyon and Crawford Gulch Rd.

Leader: Karleen Schofield

0700-1400. 54 miles by car. 1.5 miles on foot.

Clear to overcast, wind east 0-3 mph, 60-90°F.

Observers: Jack Hamilton, Tina Jones, Laura Wathen, Wayne Wathen.

50 species. 356 individuals.

August 27, Wednesday (CSP)

Chatfield State Park

Leader: Dick Schottler

0630-1430. 9 miles by car. 3.0 miles on foot.

Clear, wind 0-3 mph, 60-85°F.

Observers: Karleen Schofield, Bob Spencer.

51 species. 753 individuals.

August 30, Saturday (NEC)

Northeast Colorado, Prewitt, Jackson, and

Lower Latham Reservoirs

Leader: Joey Kellner

0530-1730. 250 miles by car. 4.0 miles on foot.

Clear to partly cloudy, wind south 0-10 mph, 60-88°F.

Observers: George Armbrust, Carol Fredericks, Ken Fredericks, Randy Lentz, Mookie McKim, Jack Reddall, Jean Rutherford, Dick Schottler, Steve Sheridan, Bob Spencer.

92 species. 2,540 individuals.

August 30-Sept. 1, Saturday-Monday (PPH)

Box Butte, Crescent Lake, North Platte Wildlife Refuge

Leader: Jackie King

33 total hours birding. 800 miles by car. 2.0 miles on foot.

Clear, wind south 0-20 mph, 52-90°F.

Observers: Dave Compton, Gail Evans, Pat Janiak, Richard Mendez, Chris Owens, Helen Standish. 104 species. 9,501 individuals.

August 31, Sunday (LLR)

Lower Latham Reservoir and nearby areas

Leader: David Laliberte

0800-1700. 135.5 miles by car. 0.1 miles on foot.

Partly cloudy, wind east 1-15 mph, 61-85°F.

Observers: Virginia Bleck, Tammy Ferreira, Myriam Friggens, Dave Quesenberry.

59 species. 1,228 individuals.

TUESDAY BIRDERS

August 5, Tuesday (ELM)

El Rancho to Mary's Lake

Leader: Ann Bonnell. 14 observers.

0800-1200. 30 miles by car, 2.0 miles on foot.

Overcast, calm, 67°F.

18 species. 135 individuals.

August 12, Tuesday (ELS)

El Rancho to Shrine Pass

Leader: Ann Bonnell. 13 observers.

0830-1430. 70 miles by car, 2.0 miles on foot.

Overcast, wind south 0-10 mph, 60-63°F.

18 species. 93 individuals.

August 19, Tuesday (CON)

Conifer, Kenosha Pass to Milligan Lake

Leader: Ann Bonnell. 19 observers.

0800-1530. 143 miles by car, 0.5 miles on foot.

Mostly sunny to rain, calm, 65°F.

36 species. 280 individuals.

August 26, Tuesday (ELL)

El Rancho, Loveland Pass, Breckenridge and French Creek

Leader: Ann Bonnell. 16 observers.

0800-1330. 95 miles by car, 1.0 miles on foot.

Partly cloudy to overcast and rain,

wind southeast 0-7 mph, 50-70°F.

16 species. 91 individuals.

Monna Krebs, compiler.

IN MEMORIAM

DFO Member George Shier passed away in Golden on August 18. He will be remembered as an enthusiastic birder who was the DFO Treasurer for years. We have fond memories of George and wife Marie welcoming us to their home and private hogback nature trail. Her address is 21518 W. 56th Ave., Golden, 80401.

CONTRIBUTIONS RARE BIRD ALERT

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DISCOVER THE WILD CRANES

Denver Audubon Society is hosting a trip to Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge, January 16-19, 1998. Don't miss this wonderful trip to this premier winter birding locale along the Rio Grande River. 20,000 Sandhill Cranes, 100,000 Snow Geese, plus waterfowl, songbirds, raptors and waders. For details call trip registrar, Becky Beckers at 766-5266.

SPECIES	2	3	9	9-10	13	15-17	16	17	23	24	24	27	30	30-1	31	5	12	19	26
	GAP	GGC	BAR	GRJ	CCR	WTM	GMP	RMP	BUR	TWP	GGC	CSP	NEC	PPH	LLR	ELM	ELS	CON	ELL
Common Loon												1		1					
Pied-billed Grebe													19	24	1			4	
Horned Grebe														14					
Eared Grebe														13				15a 14i	
Western Grebe			5		1								110	13	5				
Clark's Grebe															1				
American White Pelican			19		23								45	47	77				
Double-crested Cormorant			40		10	1						23	300	35	43				
American Bittern														3					
Great Blue Heron	1		9	2	2	3						1	10	19	5				1
Snowy Egret			26										15		6				
Cattle Egret													30						
Black-crowned Night-Heron			7							1			11	6					
White-faced Ibis													1	1	7				
Canada Goose	5		320	10	31	9						44		200	346				30
Wood Duck				5									9	7					
Green-winged Teal													5	35	12			7	
Mallard		11	4	12	15	24		5		9	3	23	5					35	2
Northern Pintail													1f	45	2				
Blue-winged Teal														75	1				
Cinnamon Teal						4							7						
"Blue-winged" teal species						10							50		7				
Northern Shoveler						2							8		50			2	
Gadwall			12			1							2	13				31	
American Wigeon						1							1						
Redhead													5	23				12	
Lesser Scaup																		2	
Ruddy Duck													1	255				12	
Turkey Vulture	4	1		10		34			2			3						1	
Bald Eagle														1					
Northern Harrier			1	1							1		1	11	2			1	
Sharp-shinned Hawk						3			2										
Cooper's Hawk						2													
Northern Goshawk						1a													
Accipiter species						1													
Swainson's Hawk			9		3	4				4		4	8	16	99			1	
Red-tailed Hawk				1	1	14					1			12	3			1	2
Western races	3	3,1h						1					4						

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Ferruginous Hawk														1				1	
Buteo species																			1
Golden Eagle				1i		2a			3		2a			3					
American Kestrel		2	5	10		11			2	1	1		8	18	4				
Merlin														1					
Peregrine Falcon				1		1													
Prairie Falcon						1								3					
Chukar				20															
Ring-necked Pheasant														4	1				
Wild Turkey						2								1					
Northern Bobwhite													90						
Scaled Quail						1													
Gambel's Quail				15															
Virginia Rail													1h						
American Coot														185				18	
Sandhill Crane															2				
Killdeer			3	1h	2	26						1	155	60	34				
American Avocet													7		7				
Greater Yellowlegs													35	25					
Lesser Yellowlegs													12	55	10				
Solitary Sandpiper						1							7	5	4				
Spotted Sandpiper			1	2		3		1					4	3					
Semipalmated Sandpiper														15	1				
Western Sandpiper														40					
Least Sandpiper													8	110	6				
Baird's Sandpiper													10	160	6				
Pectoral Sandpiper													1	3					
Stilt Sandpiper														5					
Common Snipe													13	14					
Wilson's Phalarope													2	2500	9			2	
Red-necked Phalarope														2					
Franklin's Gull													180	45	3				
Bonaparte's Gull														2					
Ring-billed Gull					12					9		27	75	85					
California Gull					1														
Gull species															150				
Forster's Tern													1	40					
Black Tern						11							12	95					
Rock Dove		9	2	50		8				5	4		55	225	64	1			10

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Band-tailed Pigeon						14													
Mourning Dove		13	14	50	7	110			10	5	2	13	150	190	32				
Yellow-billed Cuckoo													1						
Greater Roadrunner						1													
Barn Owl														3					
Great Horned Owl						1,1h							1	1					
Burrowing Owl													3	3	2				
Common Nighthawk				1h		2						1	1	9					
Black Swift						9													
White-throated Swift						15													
Swift species												1							
Black-chinned Hummingbird				4		2m8f													
Broad-tailed Hummingbird	15	28		8		53	16	4	5		19	8				15	6		2
Rufous Hummingbird				4		8						1							
Hummingbird species																		2	
Belted Kingfisher			2		1h	6				2		6	4	5					
Lewis' Woodpecker		1a2i				5			15										
Red-headed Woodpecker													14	15	1a1i				
Red-naped Sapsucker		1m																	
Downy Woodpecker		2	2		3	7			4					1					
Eastern races													5						
Hairy Woodpecker						4					1		1h						
"Rocky Mountain" race	1																		
Three-toed Woodpecker						1m		3											
Northern Flicker			2						2				15			1		2	
"Yellow-shafted" race														9					
"Red-shafted" race	4	6		5	4	21				2	3	6		1					
Olive-sided Flycatcher						3			1					2					
Western Wood-Pewee		8,2h	2		2	55	8		2	1	1	16	2	5				2	
Willow Flycatcher									1					1					
Hammond's Flycatcher						1													
Dusky Flycatcher		3																	
Gray Flycatcher				8															
Cordilleran Flycatcher	3	3,6h				5					1					1			
Empidonax species								1					1	2					
Black Phoebe						1a2i													
Eastern Phoebe						2								1					
Say's Phoebe		1		4		6									2				
Ash-throated Flycatcher				4															

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Cassin's Kingbird					1	27													
Western Kingbird			5	34	1	6			2	2		7	5	75	9				
Eastern Kingbird			14			1						2	7	48	5				
Horned Lark			7	10		15		11						35	5			10	
Tree Swallow				5		4			50					65					
Violet-green Swallow	12	28		5		450	20	3	100		30					75			
No. Rough-winged Swallow						6								18					
Bank Swallow						4						6	25						
Cliff Swallow	1	120			30	2					1			44	8			1	
Barn Swallow		22	59	50	53	45			5	17	26	80	80	80	122			8	
Gray Jay						20		1									2		4
Steller's Jay	9	10				31	2	2			5					5			1
Blue Jay										2			26	22	3				
Western Scrub-Jay		1				27			2		3								
Pinyon Jay						150													
Clark's Nutcracker	1					75		2								2			
Black-billed Magpie	3	2	11	32	17	12	5	1	5	6	3	5	8	7	1	2	2	2	
American Crow	2	6				14	3			4	1			26		8	7	2	4
Common Raven	1			10		22	3	1	5			1					3	9	1
Black-capped Chickadee	4	6	4	2	4	35			5	1	10	22	4	13					
Mountain Chickadee	15	8				105	16	2			4					5	7	2	5
Juniper Titmouse				4															
Red-breasted Nuthatch		2				18													
White-breasted Nuthatch		1				22		2											
Pygmy Nuthatch	2					25	4	4											
Brown Creeper	1	1				18													
Rock Wren		2		30							4								
Canyon Wren				5		2													
Bewick's Wren				6		2													
House Wren	2	4	2	1		24					8	11	15		1				
Golden-crowned Kinglet						11													
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	1					30		1									1		
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher				20					1			1	1						
Western Bluebird		1f					5				1								
Mountain Bluebird		7		1		23	3	6	25		45							9	2
Townsend's Solitaire						3	1									1			
Hermit Thrush						1													
American Robin	9	5	11	10	3	120			10		1	9	20	19	6	2	5	1	
Gray Catbird						8					2	5		10					

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Northern Mockingbird						1													
Sage Thrasher				1		2													
Brown Thrasher						1							21	6					
American Pipit	1					12		3									5		
Cedar Waxwing						2			10		2	6	6						
Loggerhead Shrike				10		3									1	1			
European Starling	2	1	5	50	30	45			25	6	29	100	400	350	478				
White-eyed Vireo												1							
Bell's Vireo													1						
Gray Vireo				2															
Cassin's Vireo													1						
Plumbeous Vireo						3					3								
Warbling Vireo	1	1				10			1			1	1	1					
Red-eyed Vireo												1							
Orange-crowned Warbler						1						1		1					
Virginia's Warbler		3,1h				2		1			2								
Yellow Warbler		2	6		3	28			1		1	1	12	14	1				
Yellow-rumped Warbler							2		5								2	2	
"Myrtle" race								2											
"Audubon's" race	12					25													
Townsend's Warbler						5													3
Black-and-white Warbler														1					
American Redstart						1am						2	1m1f	9					
Ovenbird														1					
MacGillivray's Warbler	1	3,1h				8					1f		1	1					
Common Yellowthroat			1			4							14	1					
Wilson's Warbler						12					2	1	16	15			12		
Yellow-breasted Chat		1				3						1	1						
Western Tanager	2	2				15					3								
Black-headed Grosbeak						40			2		2								
Blue Grosbeak				1		18													
Lazuli Bunting		2			1	2					2								
Indigo Bunting									2										
Green-tailed Towhee		3				6					1								
Spotted Towhee		8				8			5		5	6							
Canyon Towhee						14													
Chipping Sparrow	2	7	5	30		125	35	1			56	19	20	20	2				
Clay-colored Sparrow													5		1				
Brewer's Sparrow												1			1				

SPECIES	2	3	9	9-10	13	15-17	16	17	23	24	24	27	30	30-1	31	5	12	19	26
	GAP	GGC	BAR	GRJ	CCR	WTM	GMP	RMP	BUR	TWP	GGC	CSP	NEC	PPH	LLR	ELM	ELS	CON	ELL
Vesper Sparrow				1		65		6	40			2		7	2			15	
Lark Sparrow			4	7		30					3	8	27	20	13				
Black-throated Sparrow				9															
Sage Sparrow				2															
Lark Bunting				3		15							1f	60	6				
Savannah Sparrow																		2	
Grasshopper Sparrow														2					
Song Sparrow		3	2		3	3			-1		7	3					1	1	
Lincoln's Sparrow		1				2					2			5			1		
White-crowned Sparrow																			
"Dark-lored" races	3							8								3	10	1	13
Dark-eyed Junco																			
"Gray-headed" race	3	1				65	1	3			4						6		7
Sparrow species															12				
Red-winged Blackbird		6	28		25	5				3		50	60	75	37			45	
Western Meadowlark		2, 1h	5	8	1h	35			10		1h	32	40	86	6				
Yellow-headed Blackbird												5	90	3500	150				
Brewer's Blackbird					1	80	1						5	4	3				
Great-tailed Grackle					29								3		21				
Common Grackle			19			35				1		130	80	12				3	
Brown-headed Cowbird			1			30			1				2	25					
Orchard Oriole													1f	11					
Baltimore Oriole													2m						
Bullock's Oriole			2			3			1		1		1f						
Scott's Oriole				1h															
Pine Grosbeak						1											8		
House Finch	2	4	1	50	11	60		1		7	6	10				2			
Red Crossbill	1h					5													
Pine Siskin	8	9				30	15		2		4					5	13		
Lesser Goldfinch		14				120			20		28	14				1			
American Goldfinch		2	8	5	6	20			10		8	30	4	85	1h				
Evening Grosbeak						8													
House Sparrow	3		6	30	25	30	2		3				20	35	63	6	2	2	3
TOTAL SPECIES	35	52	42	56	34	129	18	26	40	20	50	51	92	104	59	18	18	36	16
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	140	406	691	650	360	2920	142	76	398	88	356	753	2540	9501	1228	135	93	280	91

ADDITIONAL REPORTS - AUGUST, 1997

SPECIES	Date	Count	Location	County	Observers
Pacific Loon	8/30	1w	Chatfield Reservoir	Douglas	Dan Bridges
Little Blue Heron	8/24	1i	Jackson Reservoir	Morgan	Dan Bridges
Buff-breasted Sandpiper	8/28	2	Upper Queens Reservoir	Kiowa	Brandon Percival
Great Black-backed Gull	8/21-26	1a	Cherry Creek Reservoir	Arapahoe	Bob Brown
Eurasian Collared-Dove	8/23	2	Rocky Ford	Otero	Brandon Percival, Bob Dickson
Greater Roadrunner	8/23	1	West of CO 71	Otero	Brandon Percival, Bob Dickson
	8/28	1	Two Buttes Reservoir	Baca	Brandon Percival
Lesser Nighthawk	8/21	1	Cottonwood Canyon	Baca	Joey Kellner
Magnificent Hummingbird	8/2	1f	Wetmore	Custer	Brandon Percival, Rachel Kolokoff
Black-chinned Hummingbird	8/23, 24, 26	1f	4400 Bow Mar Dr., Littleton	Jefferson	Tina Jones
Carolina Wren	8/31	1	Two Buttes Reservoir	Baca	Brandon Percival
Cassin's Vireo	8/23	1ib	Barr Lake State Park	Adams	Scott Hutchings
	8/27	1	Valco Ponds	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
	8/27	1ib	Barr Lake State Park	Adams	Scott Hutchings
Blue-headed Vireo	8/31	1ib	Barr Lake State Park	Adams	Tony Leukering, Doug Faulkner, Brian Gibbons, Larry Norris
White-eyed Vireo	8/24	1sa	Chatfield State Park	Jefferson	Bob Brown
	8/25	1sa	Chatfield State Park	Jefferson	Karleen Schofield (F)
Chestnut-sided Warbler	8/25	1m	Chatfield State Park	Jefferson	Karleen Schofield
	8/31	1i	Barr Lake State Park	Adams	Larry Norris
Townsend's Warbler	—	1f	4400 Bow Mar Dr., Littleton	Jefferson	Tina Jones
	8/24	1	Barr Lake State Park	Adams	Dan Bridges
Black-and-white Warbler	8/9	1	Nee Granda Reservoir	Kiowa	Dan Bridges
Prairie Warbler	8/21	1	Cottonwood Canyon	Baca	Joey Kellner
Prothonotary Warbler	8/21	1	Lake Henry	Crowley	Joey Kellner
Ovenbird	8/25	1	Chatfield State Park	Jefferson	Karleen Schofield
Northern Waterthrush	8/18-25	1	Valco Ponds	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
	8/23, 28	2	Lake Henry	Crowley	Brandon Percival, Bob Dickson
	8/29, 30	1ib	Barr Lake State Park	Adams	Tony Leukering, Scott Hutchings
Canada Warbler	8/31	1ifb	Barr Lake State Park	Adams	Tony Leukering, Brian Gibbons, Larry Norris
Baltimore Oriole	8/28-31	1am	7420 Spring Dr., Boulder	Boulder	Myron Plooster, Suzi Plooster
White-winged Crossbill	8/1	2m	Intersection of Forest Rds. 550 and 500 northeast of Columbine	Routt	Dan Bridges

a = adult, sba = sub-adult, m = male, f = female, mo = molting, j = juvenile, i = immature, d = dead, fym = first year male, fw = first winter, br = breeding plumage, nb = near breeding plumage, b = banded, fs = first summer, ss = second summer, w = winter plumage, n = nesting, c = calling, s = singing, h = heard, (F) = form submitted

Instructions for submitting Additional Reports:

- Individual "Additional Reports" of interesting sightings made during the month are welcomed. However, the Editor reserves the right to publish only those reports that are deemed unusual or rare, or augmenting the reports submitted by the leaders of scheduled DFO field trips. For a guide to the species that are of most interest, see Pages 122 through 125 of the *Lark Bunting*, Volume 28, Number 12 (September 1993).
- The reports should be submitted in Sixth AOU Checklist order, and include the date(s) of observation, number of birds seen, sex, and plumage, if possible. Also, specific, detailed location (including county) information should be provided. A guide to preparing written documentation to support observation of extremely rare or accidental species as well as for those species that pose difficult field identification problems may be found in the November, 1996 *Lark Bunting*.
- Deadline for receipt of all additional reports is the fifth of the following month. They should be sent to the Editor.

AN OPEN LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT....

The seasons come, and the seasons go....and now fall migration is half over, and where did the summer go, anyway? 1997 was a terrific spring, with large numbers of unusual migrants being reported from all over. Who will ever forget the May day at Lake Henry when the warblers invaded? I was fortunate enough to make several trips to the southeast corner of the state and spend quality time with some top notch DFO birders. I also tried to join as many of our regularly scheduled trips as possible, which is a constant reminder of both the number of trips and the quality of the trip leadership we all enjoy....

At most gatherings of DFO members this summer, the conversation inevitably turned to the controversy we experienced this past spring regarding the Additional Reports section of the *Lark Bunting*. In an attempt to reduce the cost of printing the newsletter, the Board had directed the Editor to publish a set of guidelines (produced at the request of the Board by Jack Reddall and Phil Hayes - and we thank them for their efforts) substantially cutting back the number of species recommended to be reported. Judging from the first-, second- and third-hand comments I received, the new guidelines were not popular. The Board began evaluating feedback from the membership, and the consensus seemed to be, "We like the newsletter the way it was, and we want it back, even if we have to pay for it."

A special meeting of the Board of Directors was held in late August to consider the dual issues of the *Lark Bunting* printing costs and annual membership dues. The matter of Additional Reports was discussed (and a lively discussion it was, I might add) at great length, and it was decided that it would be appropriate to stay with the guidelines currently being used, which were printed in the November 1996 issue. It was subsequently noted that it currently costs over \$15 per year per member to produce the newsletter, and well over \$20 per year per member to run the organization. Since the membership had expressed a definite disinclination to cut back the newsletter, the alternative was to increase the dues. The Board was initially leaning toward a small increase, but a careful analysis of the budget (provided in considerable detail by Treasurer Glenn Hageman, who as usual went above and beyond the call of duty) revealed that we would be running

substantially in the red again soon if we did not take action. Consequently, the Board voted to increase annual dues to \$25 per year, and to eliminate the Senior Membership, leaving us with two categories of membership, general and student. There was great reluctance to take this step, as many of us have been very proud of the modest dues required to belong to our organization. However, I personally feel that DFO has been and continues to be an outstanding value for the money, when one considers the 100+ free field trips offered every year, the monthly meetings with informative and entertaining speakers, and the detailed data provided monthly in the *Lark Bunting*.

I imagine there will be those who will not be pleased with the decision to raise dues. This was a step taken with great reluctance by the Board, who did their best to act in accordance with the wishes of the membership.

UPCOMING FIELD TRIPS

October 4, Saturday (CCR)

Cherry Creek Reservoir

Leader: Walt Hackney, 935-4722

Meet leader at 0800 just inside west park gate, east of Cherry Creek High School. Go east from S. Yosemite St. on Union Ave. Half day trip.

Lunch optional. State Parks Pass required.

October 5, Sunday (SPR)

South Platte River and Adams County

Leader: David Laliberte, 297-2504

Meet leader at 0800 at Denver Museum of Natural History at the east end of the north parking lot. Late migrants, some waterfowl and raptors. Bring lunch.

October 11, Saturday (BAR)

Barr Lake State Park

Leaders: Lee Rowe, Marilyn Rowe, 659-8069

Meet leaders at 0830 at Barr Lake Nature Center. Lunch optional. State Parks Pass required.

October 12, Sunday (SPP)

South Platte Park

Leader: Doris Cruze, 798-8072

Meet at 0930 at Carson Nature Center north of Mineral Ave. one block west of S. Santa Fe. Dr. Short and easy walk. Lunch optional. Good for beginning birders.

October 15, Wednesday (BOU)

Boulder, Longmont area

Leader: Tina Jones, 794-2647

Meet at 0830 at the Denver Museum of Natural History at east end of north parking lot. 3/4 day trip. Bring lunch.

October 18, Saturday (WRG)

Wheat Ridge Greenbelt

Leader: Ruth Breckon, 403-4513

Meet leader at 0830 at Prospect Lake Park, south of W. 44th Ave. just east of Robb St. Lunch optional.

October 18-19, Saturday-Sunday (DEL)

Delta Area

Leader: Jackie King, 287-1644

Meet leader at 0700 at the Denver Museum of Natural History at the east end of the north parking lot. Will go to Delta and bird Saturday at Confluence Park, Escalante State Wilderness Area and Sweitzer Lake State Park. Overnight at the Best Western Motel, 1-970-874-9781. Please make your own reservations. Birding Sunday at Fruit Growers Reservoir, Crawford State Park and Gould Reservoir. Should be peak of Sandhill Crane migration. Bring two lunches. State Parks Pass required. Call leader if planning to go.

October 19, Sunday (CSP)

Chatfield State Park

Leader: David Quesenberry, 796-7603

Meet leader at 0800 at the fee station inside west entrance off S. Wadsworth Blvd., 1.5 miles south of C-470. Half day trip. Lunch optional. State Parks Pass required.

October 25, Saturday (RMA)

Rocky Mountain Arsenal

Leader: Ed Holub, 979-2194

Register with leader in advance. Number of observers is limited.

October 26, Saturday (BOU)

Boulder area, Walden Wildlife Habitat and Sawhill Ponds.

Leaders: Myron Plooster, Suzi Plooster, 494-6708

Meet leaders at 0830 at Cottonwood Marsh parking lot at Walden Wildlife Habitat. Take US 36 to Foothills Pkwy. (CO 157), go north to Valmont, then east to 75th St. Turn left to the parking lot, about one mile. Bring lunch and drink and be prepared for weather changes. Call leader for carpooling arrangements if coming from Denver. Daylight Savings Time goes off today.

UPCOMING TRIP - ADVANCE NOTICE

Pack up those turkeys and let's go to Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge over the Thanksgiving Holiday. Details will be published in next month's *Lark Bunting*.

DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS - Membership Information

WELCOME TO THE DFO

PURPOSE: The prime objective of the club is to promote interest in the study and preservation of birds and their habitats. Members are encouraged to learn about birds in the field, noting species and numbers, while learning about their songs and calls, as well as habits and habitats.

REGULAR MEETINGS: The general meetings are held each month (except June, July, August, and December) at 7:30 PM at the Denver Museum of Natural History. Dates and subjects of the meetings are reported on the Colorado Rare Bird Alert (424-2144) and in the *Lark Bunting*. The meetings are open to the public without charge.

FIELD TRIPS: These are scheduled for almost every Saturday and Sunday throughout the year to a variety of habitats near Denver. Occasionally special trips are arranged to good birding areas in other parts of Colorado and surrounding states. Usually it is necessary to bring a lunch, and to wear sturdy hiking shoes or boots. Carpooling is encouraged to get the most from bird watching, as well as to save time and energy. Carpooling cost is 10 cents per mile divided by the number of people in the car including the driver.

BULLETIN: A monthly bulletin, the *Lark Bunting*, is issued to all members, listing field trips scheduled. A complete list of bird seen on the previous month's trips is given in checklist order as are interesting sightings reported by members.

DFO COLORADO RARE BIRD ALERT — 303-424-2144

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All memberships expire December 31, but are valid for the next year if paid after October 1st.

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_____ Contribution to the Colorado Rare Bird Alert

_____ Contribution to the DFO Educational Endowment Fund

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THE LARK BUNTING

MONTHLY REPORT OF FIELD OBSERVATIONS OF THE DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS

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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING ON THE FIRST WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER THROUGH MAY, EXCEPT FOR DECEMBER, AT 7:30 PM, DENVER MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, RICKETSON AUDITORIUM

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, November 5

Program: Birder, Birdwatcher, Birdist, a Taxonomy of Bird People

Speaker: Kevin J. Cook, Writer, Naturalist

NOTE: Please call the Colorado Rare Bird Alert for special DFO Meeting announcements or cancellations

***** Colorado Rare Bird Alert - 424-2144 *****

FIELD TRIP SUMMARY SEPT. 1997

September 6, Saturday (BFC)

Buffalo Creek and Pine Valley Ranch

Leader: Gail Evans

0815-1330. 87 miles by car, 3.0 miles on foot.

Clear, calm, 58-80°F.

Observers: Carol Fredericks, Ken Fredericks, Peggy Gonder, B.B. Hahn, Laura Lunsford, Ed McConkey, Ray Mederos, Richard Mendez, Chris Owens, Dave Quesenberry, Liz Willcockson, Lynn Willcockson.

38 species. 281 individuals.

September 7, Sunday (PUE)

Pueblo Area to include Valco Ponds, Mineral Palace, City Park

Leader: David Silverman

0730-1330. 10 miles by car, 2.0 miles on foot.

Mostly clear, wind north 0-10 mph, 60-89°F.

Observers: Doug Allen, Tom Hablitzel, Mark Janos, Dave Johnson, Brandon Percival, Karleen Schofield, Bob Spencer, Carolyn Weichmann.

64 species. 516 individuals.

September 20, Saturday (RRP)

Red Rocks, Mt. Falcon, Lair o'the Bear Parks

Leader: Lynn Willcockson

0745-1415. 19 miles by car, 4.0 miles on foot.

Cloudy, wind south 0-10 mph, 45-55°F.

Observer: Tamie Bulow

31 species. 119 individuals.

September 21, Sunday (SHG)

Swainson's Hawk Gathering

Leader: Charles Preston

0915-1320. 63 miles by car, Zero miles on foot.

Overcast, wind north-northwest 5-20 mph, 40-45°F.

Observers: Marlene Andrews, Pat Bucknam, Tamie Bulow, Diane Carter, Jeff Carter, Peggy Gonder, Gilbert Hatcher, Richard Mendez, Maureen Murray, Chris Owens, Ellen Swanson, Karleen Schofield, Lynn Willcockson, Bob Wing, Ru Wing.

13 species. 254 individuals.

September 27, Saturday (RIG)

Rigli Ranch

Leader: Joe Rigli

0800-1600. 7 miles by car, 4.0 miles on foot.

Clear to partly cloudy, wind northeast 0-29 mph, 50-84°F.

Observers: Meredith Anderson, Larry Brink, Nadine Brink, Marge Burgess, Diane Carter, Jeff Carter, Carley Clark, Matt McKim, Jean Morgan, Ann Sprague.

27 species. 153 individuals.

THE LARK BUNTING

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The Denver Field Ornithologists was organized as the Colorado Bird Club in 1935, and membership is open to anyone interested in the birds of the Denver area in particular, and the birds of Colorado in general. The DFO presents monthly evening programs (except in the summer) and conducts about 100 field trips annually.

Regular individual or family membership is \$15.00 per year. Senior citizen (age 65 or older) is \$12.00 per year. Student (age 18 or younger) membership is \$5.00 per year. Applications for membership should be sent to the Treasurer (see address below). A membership application form is usually attached to the back of the *Lark Bunting*.

Notification of changes in name or address should be sent to the Treasurer. The *Lark Bunting* is sent by third class mail, and will not be forwarded.

Members who fail to receive the *Lark Bunting* by the 25th of the month should contact the Treasurer (Glenn Hagman, 322-6589), as he usually has extra copies. Those who fail to receive the *Lark Bunting* for two or more consecutive months should contact the Treasurer in writing.

Notices or announcements of classes, lectures, special field trips, etc., relating to birds that are intended for inclusion in the *Lark Bunting* should be received in the mail by the Editor no later than the 5th of the month of issue. The Editor reserves the right to accept or refuse and to edit any announcement.

The *Lark Bunting* does not accept advertising.

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September 27-28, Saturday-Sunday (PUA)

Pueblo area and Southeastern Colorado lakes

Leader: Brandon Percival

Saturday, 0630-1900, Sunday 0700-1900.

280 miles by car, 4.0 miles on foot.

Clear, wind variable 0-15 mph, 42-85°F.

Observers: Leon Bright, Bob Dickson, Carol Fredericks, Ken Fredericks, Myriam Friggens, B.B. Hahn, Fran Hutton, Mark Janos, Dave Johnson, Jeff Jones, Jean McClenathen, Calaine Ohmert, Gene Rutherford, Dave Silverman, Bob Spencer, Mary Tucey, Richard Tucey, John Tumasonis, Chuck Walters, Joan Williams.

125 species. 8,569 individuals.

September 28, Sunday (ROX)

Roxborough State Park

Leader: J.B. Hayes

0800-1200. Zero miles by car, 2.0 miles on foot.

Clear, calm, 44-67°F.

Observer: Dennis Downing.

27 species. 207 individuals.

1997 FALL COUNT

September 13, Saturday (CCR)

Cherry Creek Reservoir

Leader: Bob Brown

0700-1500. 17 miles by car, 6.0 miles on foot.

High thin clouds, calm, 55-85°F.

Observers: Chris Blakeslee, Dennis Downing, Jack Reddall.

59 species. 424 individuals.

September 13, Saturday (LBC)

Lower Bear Creek

Leaders: Bob Spencer

0700-1345.

Cloudy, clearing by mid morning, wind southwest 0-10 mph, 55-85°F.

Observers: Bobbie Ausphal, Ruth Breckon, Mary Jane Schock, Karleen Schofield.

September 13, Saturday (WAC)

Waterton Canyon

Leader: Urling Kingery

0645-1330. 10 miles by car. 6.0 miles on foot.

Sunny. No observers.

52 species. 577 individuals.

September 13, Saturday (CHA)

Chatfield State Park

Leader: Joey Kellner

0700-1800. 30 miles by car, 4.0 miles on foot.

Partly cloudy, wind south 0-10 mph, 58-75°F.

Observers: Lynn Forrester, Carol Fredericks, Ken Fredericks, Norm Lewis, Gene Rutherford, Steve Sheridan.

68 species. 745 individuals.

September 14, Sunday (CAC)

Castlewood Canyon State Park

Leader: Randy Lentz

0530-1430. 20 miles by car, 3.0 miles on foot.

Sunny, wind southwest 0-5 mph, 50-85°F.

No observers.

57 species. 611 individuals.

September 14, Sunday (RMA)

Rocky Mountain Arsenal

Leader: Urling Kingery

0630-1430. 44 miles by car, 1.0 miles on foot.

Clear, calm.

Observers: Ursula Barsch, Bill Bauer, Mary Bauer, Diane Buell, Matthew McKim, Will Styler.

59 species. 1,416 individuals.

September 14, Sunday (BAR)

Barr Lake State Park

Leader: Tony Leukering

0645-1430 and 1815-1900. 3 miles by car, 7.5 miles on foot.

Clear, wind 0-10 mph, 60-90°F.

Observers: Marlene Andrews, Myriam Friggens, Larry Norris, Karleen Schofield, Dick Pratt.

76 species. 4,254 individuals.

September 14, Sunday (BLP)

Barr Lake Periphery

Leader: Jackie King

0630-1530. 111 miles by car, 0.5 miles on foot.

Clear, calm, 65-85°F.

Observer: Virginia Bleck.

56 species. 1,512 individuals.

TUESDAY BIRDERS

September 2, Tuesday (GGC)

Golden Gate Canyon Visitor's Center, Crawford Gulch, Panorama Point

Leader: Ann Bonnell. 23 observers.

0830-1100. 20 miles by car, 1.5 miles on foot.

Overcast to clear to dense fog, wind east

0-10 mph, 60-70°F.

27 species. 130 individuals.

September 9, Tuesday (MTF)

Mt. Falcon

Leader: Else Van Erp. 22 observers.

0830-1300. Zero miles by car, 1.5 miles on foot.

Mostly sunny, wind south 0-5 mph, 54-62°F.

44 species. 257 individuals.

September 16, Tuesday (BOU)

Boulder area to include Chautauqua Park to Walker Ranch Meyers Homestead Trail, and Flagstaff Mountain

Leader: Ann Bonnell. 26 observers.

0900-1300. 10 miles by car, 2.0 miles on foot.

Partly cloudy to cloudy, wind S-25 mph, 67-75°F.

19 species. 63 individuals.

September 23, Tuesday (LLA)

Los Lagos near Rollinsville

Leaders: Phyllis Baldwin and Ann Bonnell.

13 observers.

0845-1145. 5 miles by car, 0.5 miles on foot.

Cloudy to rainy, wind south 0-7 mph, 36-45°F.

17 species. 66 individuals.

September 30, Tuesday (KEP)

Kenosha Pass, Conifer and Colorado Trail

Leader: Else Van Erp. 17 observers.

0900-1300. 30 miles by car, 4.0 miles on foot.

Clear, wind south 0-10 mph, 70-75°F.

18 species. 71 individuals.

Monna Krebs, compiler.

DFO TRIPS

	6	7	20	21	27	27-28	28
SPECIES	BFC	PUE	RRP	SHG	RIG	PUA	ROX
Common Loon							
Pied-billed Grebe						5	
Horned Grebe							
Eared Grebe						20	
Western Grebe						530	
Clark's Grebe						525	
American White Pelican						575	
Double-crested Cormorant		16				92	
American Bittern							
Great Blue Heron		3				37	
Great Egret							
Snowy Egret						1	
Cattle Egret						16	
Green Heron		1					
Black-crowned Night-Heron						21	
Canada Goose		20				100	
Wood Duck		8				6	
Green-winged Teal		2				12	
Mallard	4	10	12	3		60	
Northern Pintail		1				10	
Blue-winged Teal		2				10	
Cinnamon Teal		1				2	
"Blue-winged" Teal sp.						80	
Northern Shoveler		2				30	
Gadwall		1				28	
American Wigeon		3				1	
Redhead						2	
Ring-necked Duck						2	
Lesser Scaup						2	
Common Merganser							
Ruddy Duck						358	
Turkey Vulture	1	4				20	
Osprey	1	1				1	1
Bald Eagle							
Northern Harrier				2	2	4	
Sharp-shinned Hawk	1				1	2	

TUESDAY BIRDERS

	2	9	16	23	30
SPECIES	GGC	MTF	BOU	LLA	KEP
Common Loon					
Pied-billed Grebe				1	
Horned Grebe					
Eared Grebe					
Western Grebe					
Clark's Grebe					
American White Pelican					
Double-crested Cormorant				1	
American Bittern					
Great Blue Heron					
Great Egret					
Snowy Egret					
Cattle Egret					
Green Heron					
Black-crowned Night-Heron					
Canada Goose					
Wood Duck					
Green-winged Teal					
Mallard	3			1	1
Northern Pintail					
Blue-winged Teal					
Cinnamon Teal					
"Blue-winged" Teal sp.					
Northern Shoveler					
Gadwall					
American Wigeon					
Redhead					2
Ring-necked Duck				9	
Lesser Scaup					1
Common Merganser					
Ruddy Duck					
Turkey Vulture		6	25		
Osprey					
Bald Eagle					
Northern Harrier		3		1	
Sharp-shinned Hawk					

FALL COUNT

	13	13	13	13	14	14	14	14
SPECIES	CCR	LBC	WAC	CHA	CAC	RMA	BAR	BLP
Common Loon		2		11				
Pied-billed Grebe	3	4	5			7	2	
Horned Grebe	1	8						
Eared Grebe		1		1				
Western Grebe	3						33	1
Clark's Grebe							2	
American White Pelican	35	48				4	31	26
Double-crested Cormorant	10	25	4	25		1	13	21
American Bittern		1						
Great Blue Heron	7	49	3	2		2	8	9
Great Egret		1					2	
Snowy Egret							1	
Cattle Egret								
Green Heron								
Black-crowned Night-Heron		6		1a		2		2
Canada Goose	25	81	91	23		180	1098	35
Wood Duck							12	
Green-winged Teal	15	41	1	3		10	21	30
Mallard	10	189	37	6		39	464	43
Northern Pintail		6					23	
Blue-winged Teal							6	4
Cinnamon Teal								
"Blue-winged" Teal sp.						4		
Northern Shoveler		5	2				61	35
Gadwall		7					6	
American Wigeon		104	10			5	16	
Redhead		3					1	
Ring-necked Duck								
Lesser Scaup								
Common Merganser		6		4				
Ruddy Duck	8							
Turkey Vulture	3				48			
Osprey	1			2				
Bald Eagle							1a	
Northern Harrier	1					5	1	1
Sharp-shinned Hawk			1			1	1	

DFO TRIPS

	6	7	20	21	27	27-28	28
SPECIES	BFC	PUE	RRP	SHG	RIG	PUA	ROX
Cooper's Hawk						2	1
Northern Goshawk							
Accipter species		1				1	
Swainson's Hawk				118		4	
Red-tailed Hawk		1					1
Western races			1	2	2	14	
Ferruginous Hawk						1	
Golden Eagle							2a
American Kestrel		2		3	2	11	1
Prairie Falcon			2		1		1
Ring-necked Pheasant					1	4	
Blue Grouse							
Northern Bobwhite						8	
Scaled Quail		17				55	
Virginia Rail						1b	
Sora							
American Coot						2400	
Black-bellied Plover						2	
Semipalmated Plover						1	
Killdeer		4				170	
American Avocet						33	
Greater Yellowlegs						6	
Lesser Yellowlegs						8	
Solitary Sandpiper							
Spotted Sandpiper						1	
Sanderling						7	
Semipalmated Sandpiper							
Western Sandpiper							
Least Sandpiper						40	
Baird's Sandpiper						95	
Pectoral Sandpiper							
Short-billed Dowitcher							
Long-billed Dowitcher						30	
Common Snipe							
Wilson's Phalarope						7	
Red-necked Phalarope						2	

TUESDAY BIRDERS

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FALL COUNT

13	13	13	13	14	14	14	14
CCR	LBC	WAC	CHA	CAC	RMA	BAR	BLP
		1					
				1			
3	3		5	1	3	17	13
	2						6
		2	3	4	18		
					3		1
	1	1		1	2		
	7	8	3	1	6	8	3
	3			1			
						1	5
1,3h		1	10			2	
						1	
30	660				1	11	
6	59	10	12		32	126	57
1					1	4	
1					10	10	20
2							
	1	4				1	
						1	2
	5						
	1					9	5
	6					17	
4							
							1
1							7

DFO TRIPS

	6	7	20	21	27	27-28	28
SPECIES	BFC	PUE	RRP	SHG	RIG	PUA	ROX
Cooper's Hawk						2	1
Northern Goshawk							
Accipiter species		1				1	
Swainson's Hawk				118		4	
Red-tailed Hawk		1					1
Western races			1	2	2	14	
Ferruginous Hawk						1	
Golden Eagle							2a
American Kestrel		2		3	2	11	1
Prairie Falcon			2		1		1
Ring-necked Pheasant					1	4	
Blue Grouse							
Northern Bobwhite						8	
Scaled Quail		17				55	
Virginia Rail						1h	
Sora							
American Coot						2400	
Black-bellied Plover						2	
Semipalmated Plover						1	
Killdeer		4				170	
American Avocet						33	
Greater Yellowlegs						6	
Lesser Yellowlegs						8	
Solitary Sandpiper							
Spotted Sandpiper						1	
Sanderling						7	
Semipalmated Sandpiper							
Western Sandpiper							
Least Sandpiper						40	
Baird's Sandpiper						95	
Pectoral Sandpiper							
Short-billed Dowitcher							
Long-billed Dowitcher						30	
Common Snipe							
Wilson's Phalarope						7	
Red-necked Phalarope						2	

TUESDAY BIRDERS

	2	9	16	23	30
SPECIES	GGC	MTF	BOU	LLA	KEP
Cooper's Hawk		1			
Northern Goshawk			1		
Accipiter species					
Swainson's Hawk					
Red-tailed Hawk	2	1	1		1
Western races					
Ferruginous Hawk					
Golden Eagle					
American Kestrel		3			
Prairie Falcon		1			
Ring-necked Pheasant					
Blue Grouse	4	5			
Northern Bobwhite					
Scaled Quail					
Virginia Rail					
Sora					
American Coot					17
Black-bellied Plover					
Semipalmated Plover					
Killdeer					
American Avocet					
Greater Yellowlegs					
Lesser Yellowlegs					
Solitary Sandpiper					
Spotted Sandpiper					
Sanderling					
Semipalmated Sandpiper					
Western Sandpiper					
Least Sandpiper					
Baird's Sandpiper					
Pectoral Sandpiper					
Short-billed Dowitcher					
Long-billed Dowitcher					
Common Snipe					
Wilson's Phalarope					
Red-necked Phalarope					

FALL COUNT

	13	13	13	13	14	14	14	14
SPECIES	CCR	LBC	WAC	CHA	CAC	RMA	BAR	BLP
Cooper's Hawk			1					
Northern Goshawk					1			
Accipiter species								
Swainson's Hawk	3	3		5	1	3	17	13
Red-tailed Hawk		2						6
Western races			2	3	4	18		
Ferruginous Hawk						3		1
Golden Eagle		1	1		1	2		
American Kestrel		7	8	3	1	6	8	3
Prairie Falcon		3			1			
Ring-necked Pheasant							1	5
Blue Grouse								
Northern Bobwhite								
Scaled Quail								
Virginia Rail	1,3h		1	10			2	
Sora							1	
American Coot	30	660				1	11	
Black-bellied Plover								
Semipalmated Plover								
Killdeer	6	59	10	12		32	126	57
American Avocet								
Greater Yellowlegs	1					1	4	
Lesser Yellowlegs	1					10	10	20
Solitary Sandpiper	2							
Spotted Sandpiper		1	4				1	
Sanderling								
Semipalmated Sandpiper							1	2
Western Sandpiper		5						
Least Sandpiper		1					9	5
Baird's Sandpiper		6					17	
Pectoral Sandpiper	4							
Short-billed Dowitcher								1
Long-billed Dowitcher								
Common Snipe	1							7
Wilson's Phalarope								
Red-necked Phalarope								

DFO TRIPS

	6	7	20	21	27	27-28	28
SPECIES	BFC	PUE	RRP	SHG	RIG	PUA	ROX
Say's Phoebe						2	
Ash-throated Flycatcher		1					
Cassin's Kingbird		3					
Western Kingbird					1		
Eastern Kingbird							
Horned Lark				65	7	6	
Bank Swallow							
Tree Swallow							
Violet-green Swallow	30						
Cliff Swallow							
No. Rough-winged Swallow							
Barn Swallow	38	40				320	
Swallow species							
Gray Jay							
Steller's Jay	3		2				25
Blue Jay		8				26	50
Western Scrub-Jay			2				35
Clark's Nutcracker							
Black-billed Magpie	3	20	6	2	4	65	6
American Crow	4	15	2	13		25	2
Chihuahuan Raven						2	
Common Raven	1		1			1	5
Black-capped Chickadee	2	25	4			35	12
Mountain Chickadee			2				1
Red-breasted Nuthatch	1	3	2			3	
White-breasted Nuthatch						2	
Pygmy Nuthatch			2				
Rock Wren			5		2	3	
Canyon Wren			2				4
Bewick's Wren		4				10	
House Wren	1	2				2	
American Dipper	1		1				
Ruby-crowned Kinglet						15	1
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher			1				
Western Bluebird	6						
Mountain Bluebird							

TUESDAY BIRDERS

	2	9	16	23	30
SPECIES	GGC	MTF	BOU	LLA	KEP
		3			
		1			
	1				
	1				
	2	1			
			1		
				2	2
	8	9	2	5	5
	5	2	2		3
			1		2
	9	8	3		
	2		1	1	13
		1		2	7
	3	7		3	3
	2	22	1		
	1	8		2	1
		43		1	
		1	1		
		2			
	25	34			

FALL COUNT

	13	13	13	13	14	14	14	14
SPECIES	CCR	LBC	WAC	CHA	CAC	RMA	BAR	BLP
			1		2			
	5				1	1		1
				2				
				8			2	15
		6						
				3				
						1		6
							1	
	40	42	29	29	1	47	76	170
					17			
	1,1h	25	2		1	5		1
				2	15			
	12	58	12	41	20	87	23	19
		4	2		130			
			2	5	2			
	10	50	11	35	15	20	22	
					10			
		1						
				1	9			
		2		1	2	4	2	2
	1		12	14	3	13	4	
	3		2	2	4			
					2			
					3			

DFO TRIPS

	6	7	20	21	27	27-28	28
SPECIES	BFC	PUE	RRP	SHG	RIG	PUA	ROX
Townsend's Solitaire			2		1		3
Swainson's Thrush						2	
Hermit Thrush						2	
American Robin	4	4	9		5	70	1
Gray Catbird							
Northern Mockingbird						5	
Sage Thrasher							
Brown Thrasher						4	
Curve-billed Thrasher						2	
American Pipit						1	
Cedar Waxwing						8	
Loggerhead Shrike				1	2	1	
European Starling		50	1	14	5	360	
White-eyed Vireo							
Plumbeous Vireo							
Warbling Vireo		4				1	
Orange-crowned Warbler		2				33	
Virginia's Warbler			1				
Yellow Warbler	1	5					
Yellow-rumped Warbler "Audubon's" race	6					42	1
Townsend's Warbler		1					
Blackburnian Warbler						1f	
American Redstart							
Northern Waterthrush		1					
MacGillivray's Warbler						2	
Common Yellowthroat		1				2	
Wilson's Warbler	4	14	1			14	1
Western Tanager		3				8	
Rose-breasted Grosbeak							
Black-headed Grosbeak							
Blue Grosbeak		2					
Lazuli Bunting						4	
Indigo Bunting							
Green-tailed Towhee	4		2			1	
Spotted Towhee			14			2	30

TUESDAY BIRDERS

	2	9	16	23	30
SPECIES	GGC	MTF	BOU	LLA	KEP
Townsend's Solitaire		5			1
Swainson's Thrush		1i			
Hermit Thrush					
American Robin		1	1		
Gray Catbird					
Northern Mockingbird					
Sage Thrasher					
Brown Thrasher					
Curve-billed Thrasher					
American Pipit					
Cedar Waxwing					
Loggerhead Shrike		1			
European Starling			2		6
White-eyed Vireo					
Plumbeous Vireo					
Warbling Vireo					
Orange-crowned Warbler					
Virginia's Warbler	4	1			
Yellow Warbler					
Yellow-rumped Warbler "Audubon's" race	2	6	2		
Townsend's Warbler		1			
Blackburnian Warbler					
American Redstart					
Northern Waterthrush					
MacGillivray's Warbler					
Common Yellowthroat					
Wilson's Warbler	3		1		
Western Tanager					
Rose-breasted Grosbeak					
Black-headed Grosbeak					
Blue Grosbeak					
Lazuli Bunting					
Indigo Bunting					
Green-tailed Towhee		3			
Spotted Towhee		1			

FALL COUNT

	13	13	13	13	14	14	14	14
SPECIES	CCR	LBC	WAC	CHA	CAC	RMA	BAR	BLP
Townsend's Solitaire					3			
Swainson's Thrush								
Hermit Thrush								
American Robin	4	37	35	65	42	23	11	16
Gray Catbird	1		6	7				
Northern Mockingbird								
Sage Thrasher					1	3		1
Brown Thrasher								
Curve-billed Thrasher								
American Pipit								
Cedar Waxwing			20	9	12			
Loggerhead Shrike						2		
European Starling	15	113	12	40	1	44	362	470
White-eyed Vireo				1s				
Plumbeous Vireo				1	3			
Warbling Vireo	1			4				
Orange-crowned Warbler		1		5	1		3	
Virginia's Warbler				2				
Yellow Warbler							1	
Yellow-rumped Warbler "Audubon's" race					1			
Townsend's Warbler	1f				2			
Blackburnian Warbler								
American Redstart				1m1f				
Northern Waterthrush								
MacGillivray's Warbler								
Common Yellowthroat	3h		1	3			11	2
Wilson's Warbler	6	2	6	11	10	9	6	5
Western Tanager	2	1		1f	1	5		
Rose-breasted Grosbeak			1					
Black-headed Grosbeak				1				
Blue Grosbeak			6					
Lazuli Bunting								
Indigo Bunting					1			
Green-tailed Towhee	1	1	1	3	3	9		
Spotted Towhee		1	6	9	30	1		

DFO TRIPS

	6	7	20	21	27	27-28	28
SPECIES	BFC	PUE	RRP	SHG	RIG	PUA	ROX
Canyon Towhee						9	
Chipping Sparrow	80	20	17			105	8
Clay-colored Sparrow		2					
Brewer's Sparrow					9		
Field Sparrow							
Vesper Sparrow				3	12	1	
Lark Sparrow	2	1		12		1	
Lark Bunting					1		
Savannah Sparrow							
Grasshopper Sparrow							
Song Sparrow	2		5			8	
Lincoln's Sparrow		2				3	1
White-crowned Sparrow "Gambel's" race	1				7	40	
Dark-eyed Junco "Gray-headed" race	4						
Sparrow species							
Red-winged Blackbird	2	6			12	25	
Western Meadowlark					6	57	3
Yellow-headed Blackbird		40				3	
Brewer's Blackbird						200	
Common Grackle		10				135	
Brown-headed Cowbird							
House Finch	4	20	6		1	15	
Pine Siskin	14						
Lesser Goldfinch "Green-backed" race	20	6	2			7	1
American Goldfinch		1				19	
House Sparrow	2	20			40	85	
TOTAL SPECIES	38	64	31	13	27	125	27
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	281	516	119	254	153	8569	207

TUESDAY BIRDERS

	2	9	16	23	30
SPECIES	GGC	MTF	BOU	LLA	KEP
Canyon Towhee					
Chipping Sparrow	1	17			
Clay-colored Sparrow		1			
Brewer's Sparrow					
Field Sparrow					
Vesper Sparrow		4	2		
Lark Sparrow	6	14	3		
Lark Bunting					
Savannah Sparrow					
Grasshopper Sparrow					
Song Sparrow	9				
Lincoln's Sparrow	10				
White-crowned Sparrow "Gambel's" race		2		1	
Dark-eyed Junco "Gray-headed" race	15	7		30	4
Sparrow species					
Red-winged Blackbird					
Western Meadowlark					
Yellow-headed Blackbird					
Brewer's Blackbird					
Common Grackle					
Brown-headed Cowbird					
House Finch					
Pine Siskin	5	12	5		
Lesser Goldfinch "Green-backed" race					
American Goldfinch					
House Sparrow					
TOTAL SPECIES	27	44	19	17	18
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	130	257	63	66	71

FALL COUNT

	13	13	13	13	14	14	14	14
SPECIES	CCR	LBC	WAC	CHA	CAC	RMA	BAR	BLP
Canyon Towhee								
Chipping Sparrow	1	15	14	3	45	96	23	
Clay-colored Sparrow				5			2	3
Brewer's Sparrow	1			6			1	
Field Sparrow								1
Vesper Sparrow	5	8	25	12	60	121	10	58
Lark Sparrow		3	8		1	7	3	9
Lark Bunting						88		35
Savannah Sparrow			2			1	3	5
Grasshopper Sparrow						1		
Song Sparrow	2	1	7	9	1		12	1
Lincoln's Sparrow					2		1	
White-crowned Sparrow "Gambel's" race							1	1
Dark-eyed Junco "Gray-headed" race								
Sparrow species						80		
Red-winged Blackbird	5	43	138	10		30	850	145
Western Meadowlark	1	6	2	26	10	91	9	25
Yellow-headed Blackbird			2	1				77
Brewer's Blackbird	15	50		20	8		21	
Common Grackle	2	106		5		93	19	8
Brown-headed Cowbird								2
House Finch	5	20		5		81	2	7
Pine Siskin								
Lesser Goldfinch "Green-backed" race			16		45			
American Goldfinch	20	14	3	45	5		1	
House Sparrow	7	9				20	9	360
TOTAL SPECIES	59	65	52	68	57	59	76	56
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	424	2522	577	745	611	1416	4254	1512

ADDITIONAL REPORTS - SEPTEMBER, 1997

SPECIES	Date	Count	Location	County	Observers
Common Loon	9/20	1	Chatfield State Park	Douglas	Van Remsen
Green Heron	9/1-17	1	Valco Ponds	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, mo
	9/6	1	Rocky Ford SWA	Otero	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
Broad-winged Hawk	9/16-18	1i	Valco Ponds	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
	9/20	1i	Crow Valley Campground	Weld	Joey Kellner, Norm Erthal, Dick Schottler
Black Rail	9/8	1h	West of Ft. Lyon	Bent	Karleen Schofield
Sandhill Crane	9/28	170	Hack Ranch	Park	Carol Hack, Fern Hack, Kathy Hawkins
Black-bellied Plover	9/21	1	Barr Lake State Park	Adams	Van Remsen
American Golden-Plover	9/27	1w	Prewitt Reservoir	Washington	Dan Bridges
Semipalmated Plover	9/21	1	Arapaho NWR	Jackson	Brian Gibbons, Hira Walker
Murbled Godwit	9/21	1	Barr Lake State Park	Adams	Van Remsen
Ruddy Turnstone	9/2	1w	Prewitt Reservoir	Washington	Dan Bridges
	9/6	1	Lake Cheraw	Otero	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
	9/7	1i	Lake Cheraw	Otero	Karleen Schofield
	9/21	1	Lake Holbrook	Otero	Brandon Percival, Bob Dickson, Mark Janos
Dunlin	9/13	1w	Red Lion SWA	Logan	Dan Bridges
Short-billed Dowitcher	9/20	1i	Little Jumbo Reservoir	Logan	Joey Kellner, Norm Erthal, Dick Schottler
Common Snipe	9/21	30	West end of Lake Meredith	Crowley	Dan Bridges
Red-necked Phalarope	9/6	7	Rocky Ford sewage ponds	Otero	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
Pomarine Jaeger	9/20	1	Lower Latham Reservoir	Weld	Brian Gibbons, Hira Walker
Little Gull	9/14	1i	Lower Latham Reservoir	Weld	Tony Leukering, Doug Faulkner, Brian Gibbons, Scott Hutchings
Great Black-backed Gull	9/13, 22, 29	1	Cherry Creek Reservoir	Arapahoe	Bob Brown
Sabine's Gull	9/5	1i	Cherry Creek Reservoir	Arapahoe	Bob Brown
	9/6	2a6j	Chatfield Reservoir	Jefferson	Doug Faulkner, Brian Gibbons
	9/8	1j	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
	9/11	3a5i	Chatfield Reservoir	Jefferson	Joey Kellner
	9/14	1a1j	Lower Latham Reservoir	Weld	Tony Leukering, Doug Faulkner, Brian Gibbons, Scott Hutchings
	9/19-26	1-5j	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
	9/20	1j	Chatfield State Park	Douglas	Van Remsen
	9/20	1a2i	Prewitt Reservoir	Washington	Dan Bridges
	9/20	1a2i	Prewitt Reservoir	Washington	Joey Kellner, Norm Erthal, Dick Schottler
	9/21	1i	Bonny Reservoir	Yuma	Karleen Schofield
	9/21	1ba, 1i	Prewitt Reservoir	Washington	Karleen Schofield
	9/28	2j	Lower Latham Reservoir	Weld	Doug Faulkner, Brian Gibbons
Caspian Tern	9/19-23	1a	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, mo
	9/20	2a	Prewitt Reservoir	Washington	Joey Kellner, Norm Erthal, Dick Schottler
	9/22	2ba	Prewitt Reservoir	Washington	Karleen Schofield
Common Tern	9/2	1a	Prewitt Reservoir	Washington	Dan Bridges
	9/15	1fs	Prewitt Reservoir	Washington	Karleen Schofield
	9/20	2	Prewitt Reservoir	Washington	Joey Kellner, Norm Erthal, Dick Schottler
	9/21	10	Adobe Creek Reservoir	Bent	Brandon Percival, Bob Dickson, Mark Janos

SPECIES	Date	Count	Location	County	Observers
Common Tern (con't)	9/22	3	Cherry Creek Reservoir	Arapahoe	Bob Brown
	9/22	3a	Bonny Reservoir	Yuma	Karleen Schofield
	9/22	2a1fs	Prewitt Reservoir	Washington	Karleen Schofield
	9/25	2	Cherry Creek Reservoir	Arapahoe	Bob Brown
♦ Arctic Tern	9/20	1a	Lower Latham Reservoir	Weld	Brian Gibbons, Hira Walker
Greater Roadrunner	9/7	2a	Dike Rd. west of Rocky Ford SWA	Otero	Karleen Schofield
Calliope Hummingbird	1f	9/5-9,13	4400 Bow Mar Dr., Littleton	Jefferson	Tina Jones
	9/28	1f	Franktown	Douglas	Karen Metz
Gray Flycatcher	9/27	1i	Barr Lake State Park	Adams	Doug Faulkner, Brian Gibbons
Eastern Phoebe	9/20	2	Pawnee National Grassland	Weld	Joey Kellner, Norm Erthal, Dick Schottler
Great Crested Flycatcher	9/22	1	Bonny Reservoir	Yuma	Karleen Schofield
Wood Thrush	9/6	1	Lake Henry	Crowley	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
White-eyed Vireo	9/12, 18, 19, 20	1sa	Chatfield State Park	Jefferson	Dan Bridges, Van Remsen, Karleen Schofield (F)
Cassin's Vireo	9/11	1a1i	Barr Lake State Park	Adams	Brian Gibbons, Scott Hutchings
	9/17	1	Valco Ponds	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
	9/20	3	Pawnee National Grassland	Weld	Joey Kellner, Norm Erthal, Dick Schottler
	9/24-26	1i	Barr Lake State Park	Adams	Doug Faulkner, Brian Gibbons, Scott Hutchings
Philadelphia Vireo	9/3	1i	Rock Canyon, south side of Arkansas River	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Tennessee Warbler	9/2	1i	Barr Lake State Park	Adams	Brian Gibbons, Scott Hutchings
	9/10	1m	Lamar Community College	Prowers	Brandon Percival
	9/30	1i	Barr Lake State Park	Adams	Doug Faulkner, Brian Gibbons
Nashville Warbler	9/27	1am	Barr Lake State Park	Adams	Doug Faulkner, Brian Gibbons
Northern Parula	9/17	1if	Barr Lake State Park	Adams	Brian Gibbons, Scott Hutchings
Townsend's Warbler	9/6	1	East of Lake Meredith	Crowley	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
	9/10	1	Lake Holbrook	Otero	Brandon Percival
Black-throated Grn Warbler	9/10	2	Lake Holbrook	Otero	Brandon Percival
Blackburnian Warbler	9/26	1f	Valco Ponds	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, Bob Dickson, Van Truan
Palm Warbler	9/23	1	Valco Ponds	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Blackpoll Warbler	9/6-11	1im	Barr Lake State Park	Adams	Brian Gibbons
	9/21	1	Barr Lake State Park	Adams	Van Remsen
Black-and-white Warbler	9/6	1f	East of Lake Meredith	Crowley	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
	9/28	1	Last Chance	Washington	Tina Jones
American Redstart	9/5	1	Valco Ponds	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
	9/6	1fym	Lake Henry	Crowley	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
Prothonotary Warbler	9/22-23	1m	Valco Ponds	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Northern Waterthrush	9/1	1i	Barr Lake State Park	Adams	Tony Leukering, Brian Gibbons
	9/3	1	Rock Canyon, south side of Arkansas River	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
	9/6	2	Lake Henry	Crowley	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
	9/6	1	East of Lake Chero	Otero	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
	9/9	1i	Blue River SWA	Summit	Doug Faulkner
	9/18	1	Valco Ponds	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
	9/21	1	Fort Lyon Wildlife Easement	Bent	Brandon Percival, Bob Dickson, Mark Janos
Northern Cardinal	9/10	1f	Lamar Community College	Prowers	Brandon Percival
	9/22	1m	Wheat Ridge Greenbelt	Jefferson	Van Remsen
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	9/22	1am, 1f	Wheat Ridge Greenbelt	Jefferson	Van Remsen
Field Sparrow	9/21	1	Lake Holbrook	Otero	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
Baltimore Oriole	9/3-4	1f	Valco Ponds	Pueblo	Brandon Percival

Instructions for submitting Additional Reports:

1. Individual "Additional Reports" of interesting sightings made during the month are welcomed. However, the Editor reserves the right to publish only those reports that are deemed unusual or rare, or augmenting the reports submitted by the leaders of scheduled DFO field trips. For a guide to the species that are of most interest, see Pages 122 through 125 of the *Lark Bunting*, Volume 28, Number 12 (September 1993).
2. The reports should be submitted in Sixth AOU Checklist order, and include the date(s) of observation, number of birds seen, sex, and plumage, if possible. Also, specific, detailed location (including county) information should be provided. A guide to preparing written documentation to support observation of extremely rare or accidental species as well as for those species that pose difficult field identification problems may be found in the November, 1996 *Lark Bunting*.
3. Deadline for receipt of all additional reports is the fifth of the following month. They should be sent to the Editor.

a = adult, sba = sub-adult, m = male, f = female, mo = molting, j = juvenile, i = immature, d = dead, fym = first year male, fw = first winter, br = breeding plumage, nb = near breeding plumage, b = banded, fs = first summer, ss = second summer, w = winter plumage, n = nesting, c = calling, s = singing, h = heard, (F) = form submitted

NOTE TO SEPTEMBER ADDITIONAL SIGHTINGS

Kathy Hawkins reports that Sandhill Cranes sighted at Hack Ranch is only the second sighting of Sandhills at the ranch. The other sighting was a single bird on September 25, 1973. On Sunday the cranes were heard overhead and a group of 18 flying due south was observed at 12:30 p.m. Later at 3:00 p.m. they cranes again were heard and the observers were amazed to find 150 overhead, again flying due south.

UPCOMING FIELD TRIPS

November 1, Saturday (BAR)

Barr Lake State Park

Leaders Lee and Marilyn Rowe, 659-8069
Meet leaders at 0830 at the Nature Center at Barr Lake State Park. Half day trip. Lunch optional. State Parks Pass required.

November 2, Sunday (CHA)

Chatfield State Park

Leader: Joey Kellner, 978-1748
Meet leader at 0700 at the swim beach inside west entrance of park off S. Wadsworth Blvd., 1.5 miles south of C470. Full day trip. Bring lunch. Be prepared to walk about four miles. State Parks Pass required.

November 8, Saturday (RSR)

Riverside Reservoir and Jackson Lake State Recreation Area

Leader: David Quesenberry, 796-7603
Meet leader at 0800 at east end of north parking lot of the Denver Museum of Natural History in City Park at Colorado Blvd. and Montview. Full day trip. Bring lunch. State Parks Pass required.

November 9, Sunday (NWL)

Northwest Lakes

Leader: Patty Echelmeyer, 233-4947
Meet leader 0830 at the parking lot at the northwest corner of Sloan Lake Park, N. Sheridan Blvd. at W. 25th Ave. Will include Crown Hill, Coors Ponds, Mount Olivet, Prospect, Bass, and Sloan Lakes. Bring lunch.

November 15, Saturday (CCR)

Cherry Creek Reservoir

Leader: Sherry Chapman, 699-1351
Meet leader at 0800 just inside the west gate of park, east of Cherry Creek High School. Go east from S. Yosemite St. on Union Ave. Half day trip. Lunch optional. State Parks Pass required.

November 16, Sunday (ROX)

Roxborough State Park

Leader: Doris Cruze, 798-8072
Meet leader at 0800 in front of Visitor's Center. Bring water and dress for weather. Migrants and raptors such as Golden Eagles should be present. The Fountain Valley Trail is a very easy 2.25 mile trail among the red rocks. Will visit historic homestead at the beginning of trail.

From C-470, turn south on Wadsworth Blvd. Continue for 4.4 miles then turn left at Waterton Canyon. Continue 1.6 miles to N. Rampart Range Rd. then turn right and follow the signs to the park. Lunch optional. State Parks Pass required

November 22, Saturday (LMA)
Longmont Area

Leaders: Chris Owens and Richard Mendez,
1-303-772-6048

Meet leaders at Jim Hamm Nature Center at 0830. From I-25 take Exit 240. Go west four miles on CO 119 to Boulder-Weld Co. Line Rd., then 2 miles north to park on left (Hygiene Rd. or 17th Ave.). Lunch optional.

November 23, Sunday (BOU)
Boulder area to include Baseline Reservoir and Walden Wildlife Area

Leader: Karleen Schofield, 936-8661

Meet leader at 0800 at the RTD Park-n-Ride at the northeast corner of N. Sheridan and W. 88th Ave. or join group at 0845 at Cottonwood Marsh at the Walden Wildlife Area. Three-quarter day trip. Bring lunch. This trip is especially good for novice birders and new members.

November 27-30, Thursday-Sunday (BOS)
Bosque de la Apache, New Mexico

Leader, Jackie King, 287-1644

Meet leader 0700, Thursday, to carpool at the east end of north parking lot of the Denver Museum of Natural History in City Park. Arrange to stay at Super 8 Motel, 505-835-4626, in Socorro, New Mexico. Single rooms are \$45.88 plus tax, doubles are \$52.88 plus tax. Call leader if going to arrange carpools. We will try to avoid leaving cars parked at the Museum. We should see huge numbers of migrating waterfowl and Sandhill Cranes. It is roughly a ten to twelve hour trip each way. Bring lunches for four days.

November 29, Saturday (WRG)
Wheat Ridge Greenbelt

Leader: Ruth Breckon, 403-4513

Meet leader 0830 at Prospect Park Lake, south of W. 44th Ave. just east of Robb St. We will check ponds at Mount Olivet Cemetery. Bring lunch. This trip is especially good for novice birders and new members.

November 30, Sunday (SPR)
South Platte Riverwalk to include Riverside Cemetery to Morgan Smith Park

Leader: David Laliberte, 297-2504

Meet leader at 0800 at the east end of north parking lot of Denver Museum of Natural History in City Park at Colorado Blvd. and Montview. Be prepared for two miles of hiking. Bring lunch.

Scheduled by Jackie King, 287-1644

RIGHTER TO LEAD PT. PELEE TRIP

Join Bob Righter and Pearl Jordan in a group of eight for spring migration at Point Pelee and environs. Point Pelee is nationally known as one of the premier birding spots in North America for experiencing spring migration. The group will also be birding other sections of Ontario, as well as on the north shore of Lake Erie. All expenses will be shared. Since the *Lark Bunting* doesn't arrive at all homes at the same time, there will be a drawing two weeks after Pearl receives her issue. Call Pearl Jordan at 987-2802 to get your name in the drawing for lodging and trip information. Feel free to call Bob Righter at 692-8529 if you have any questions.

DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS - Membership Information

WELCOME TO THE DFO

PURPOSE: The prime objective of the club is to promote interest in the study and preservation of birds and their habitats. Members are encouraged to learn about birds in the field, noting species and numbers, while learning about their songs and calls, as well as habits and habitats.

REGULAR MEETINGS: The general meetings are held each month (except June, July, August, and December) at 7:30 PM at the Denver Museum of Natural History. Dates and subjects of the meetings are reported on the Colorado Rare Bird Alert (424-2144) and in the *Lark Bunting*. The meetings are open to the public without charge.

FIELD TRIPS: These are scheduled for almost every Saturday and Sunday throughout the year to a variety of habitats near Denver. Occasionally special trips are arranged to good birding areas in other parts of Colorado and surrounding states. Usually it is necessary to bring a lunch, and to wear sturdy hiking shoes or boots. Carpooling is encouraged to get the most from bird watching, as well as to save time and energy. Carpooling cost is 10 cents per mile divided by the number of people in the car including the driver.

BULLETIN: A monthly bulletin, the *Lark Bunting*, is issued to all members, listing field trips scheduled. A complete list of bird seen on the previous month's trips is given in checklist order as are interesting sightings reported by members.

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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING ON THE FIRST WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER THROUGH MAY, EXCEPT FOR DECEMBER, AT 7:30 PM, DENVER MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, RICKETSON AUDITORIUM

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, January 7

Program to be announced

NOTE: Please call the Colorado Rare Bird Alert for special DFO Meeting announcements or cancellations

***** Colorado Rare Bird Alert - 424-2144 *****

FIELD TRIP SUMMARY OCTOBER 1997

October 4, Saturday (CCR)

Cherry Creek Reservoir

Leader: Glenn Hageman and Jeane Hageman

0800-1230. 7.9 miles by car, 2.0 miles on foot.

Clear, wind east 0-5 mph, 54-85°F.

Observers: Tamie Bulow, Dennis Downing,
Patty Echelmeyer, Barbara Fay, Jim Fay, Peggy
Gonder, Larry Modesitt, Jean Tarbel.

47 species. 614 individuals.

October 5, Sunday (SPR)

South Platte River and Adams County

Leader: David Laliberte

0820-1515. 47.5 miles by car, 1.7 miles on foot.

Clear, wind southeast 16-25 mph, 51-86°F.

Observers: Debbie Seiden, Mort Staatz.

36 species. 582 individuals.

October 11, Saturday (BAR)

Barr Lake State Park

Leaders: Lee Rowe, Marilyn Rowe

0830-1030. Zero miles by car, 2.0 miles on foot.

Sunny, wind south 19-24 mph, 61-74°F.

Observers: none

25 species. 783 individuals.

October 12, Sunday (SPP)

South Platte Park, Cooley Lake

Leader: Doris Cruze

0935-1130. Zero miles by car, 1.5 miles on foot.

Snow and rain, clearing after 1030, wind south

0-5 mph, 35-40°F.

Observers: Emmitt Gelfelter, Phil Gelfelter

38 species. 861 individuals.

October 15, Wednesday (BOU)

Boulder, Longmont area

Leader: Tina Jones

0830-1530. 87 miles by car, 0.25 miles on foot.

Clear, wind south 1-7 mph, 55-72°F.

Observers: Marge Burgess, Jack Hamilton,
Barbara Thomas.

50 species. 1,566 individuals.

October 18, Saturday (WRG)

Wheat Ridge Greenbelt

Leader: Ruth Breckon

0830-1230. Zero miles by car, 1.5 miles on foot.

Clear, calm, 40-70°F.

Observers: Warren Finch, Cal Frazier, Jean
Frazier, Connie Huyck, Jacob Medeiros,

Raymond Medeiros, Sig Nelson, Karleen

Schofield, Debbie Seiden, Mort Staatz.

35 species. 441 individuals.

THE LARK BUNTING

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The Denver Field Ornithologists was organized as the Colorado Bird Club in 1935, and membership is open to anyone interested in the birds of the Denver area in particular, and the birds of Colorado in general. The DFO presents monthly evening programs (except in the summer) and conducts about 100 field trips annually.

Regular individual or family membership is \$25.00 per year. Student (age 18 or younger) membership is \$5.00 per year. Applications for membership should be sent to the Treasurer (address below). A membership application form is attached to the back of the *Lark Bunting*.

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Members who fail to receive the *Lark Bunting* by the 25th of the month should contact the Treasurer (Glenn Hageman, 322-6589), as he usually has extra copies. Those who fail to receive the *Lark Bunting* for two or more consecutive months should contact the Treasurer in writing.

Notices or announcements of classes, lectures, special field trips, etc., relating to birds that are intended for inclusion in the *Lark Bunting* should be received in the mail by the Editor no later than the 5th of the month of issue. The Editor reserves the right to accept or refuse and to edit any announcement. The *Lark Bunting* does not accept advertising.

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October 18-19, Saturday-Sunday (DEL)

*Delta Area to include Confluence Park,
Escalante SWA, Fruit Growers Reservoir,
Sweetzer Lake, Crawford State Recreation Area
and Hotchkiss Fish Hatchery*

Leader: Jackie King

0700 on Saturday to 1530 on Sunday. 764 miles
by car, 1.5 miles on foot.

Clear, wind northwest 0-10 mph, 40-71°F.

Observers: Kitty Albee, Marlene Andrews, Jean
Fredlund, John Fredlund, Deana Hurby, Hal
Jackson, Jean Jackson, John Tumasonis, Amy
Young.

73 species. 2,537 individuals.

October 19, Sunday (CSP)

Chatfield State Park

Leader: David Quesenberry

0800-1200. 10 miles by car, 1.0 miles on foot.

Clear, wind south 0-10 mph, 45-51°F.

Observers: John Azua, Chris Blakely, Tamie
Bulow, Patty Echelmeyer, Warren Finch, Larry
Modesitt, Gary Schneider, Karleen Schofield,
Jeff Zabler.

37 species. 544 individuals.

October 25, Saturday (RMA)

Rocky Mountain Arsenal

Leader: Ed Holub -

Canceled due inclement weather

October 26, Saturday (BOU)

Boulder area

Leaders: Myron Plooster, Suzi Plooster

Canceled due inclement weather

TUESDAY BIRDERS

October 7, Tuesday (CAC)

Castlewood Canyon

Leader: Ann Bonnell. 32 observers.

0900-1230. 10 miles by car, 2.0 miles on foot.

Clear to partly cloudy, wind south 10-20 mph,
70-80°F. 27 species. 143 individuals.

October 14, Tuesday (BAR)

Barr Lake State Park

Leader: Ann Bonnell. 25 observers.
0900-1345. Zero miles by car, 4.0 miles on foot.
Sunny, calm, 60-75°F.
56 species. 3,888 individuals.

October 12, Tuesday (LOB)

Lair o' the Bear Park

Leader: Ann Bonnell. 18 observers.
0900-1300. Zero miles by car, 3.5 miles on foot.
Sunny, wind southeast 0-5 mph, 44-56°F.
19 species. 89 individuals.

October 28, Tuesday (CSP)

Chatfield State Park

Leader: Ann Bonnell. 16 observers.
0900-1330. 15 miles by car, 0.5 miles on foot.
Sunny, wind southeast 0-10 mph, 46-54°F.
35 species. 449 individuals.

Monna Krebs, compiler

**OCTOBER CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE
COLORADO RARE BIRD ALERT**

Paul and Janet Barrett
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CORRECTION TO FALL COUNT

Jim Gross and Karen Gross were accidentally
omitted from the list of observers for the Lower
Bear Creek Fall Count.

SWAN SOCIETY ASKS FOR HELP

The Trumpeter Swan Society is requesting that
all birders make them aware of swan sightings.
They are attempting to track swan populations
which are being dispersed from areas west of
Yellowstone National Park. If you see swans in
the field, please notify the Society, Ruth Shea,
The Trumpeter Swan Society RMP Working
Group, 3346 E. 200th N., Rigby, Idaho, 208-
754-8756 or e-mail, ruthshea@srv.net.

EVENT ANNOUNCEMENT POLICY

It has been the policy of DFO not to publish
announcements in the *Lark Bunting* of birding-
related events for which fees were being
charged, which were "for profit", or from which
an individual would receive paid consideration,
such as a free trip in exchange for making travel
arrangements. Many members expressed
disappointment at this policy and felt that it
would be useful to announce such events. The
Board of Directors took up this issue at the
recent meeting and have arrived at a compromise
which should permit DFO to make members
aware of classes, conventions and excursions in
which they might wish to participate without
getting involved in the actual promotion of such
events. The Editor will establish an "Upcoming
Activities" section in the *Lark Bunting*, and will
publish any such events which are furnished to
her. Only the title, location, date, time and
contact person will be provided. If a member
wishes to find out if there is a fee involved,
wants to register, or obtain any other
information regarding the event, it will be up to
the individual to make arrangements with the
event host. To be included, events must be
hosted by a DFO member, or involve a local
birding organization, i.e. CFO, CBO, Audubon.

We hope this will allow DFO to make its
members aware of educational and field trip
opportunities without in any way promoting or
endorsing the events.

SPECIES	4	5	11	12	15	18	18-19	19	7	9	21	28
	CCR	SPR	BAR	SPP	BOU	WGB	DEL	CSP	CAC	BAR	LOB	CSP
Common Loon								1				2
Loon species												2
Pied-billed Grebe		1		2	3	2	4					2
Horned Grebe	19				15			12				
Eared Grebe	5				32		6					6
Western Grebe	10		16	1	550		8	20		1		15
Clark's Grebe					15							
Grebe species												1
American White Pelican					2					2		
Double-crested Cormorant	47	6	3	27	12	1	17	10				17
Great Blue Heron	3	1		1	3		9	1		6		1
Blk-crowned Night-Heron				1			1					
Snow Goose												
"White" morph							1					
Canada Goose	67	77	200	64	2	82	140	30		2400		50
Green-winged Teal	41	7			2		1					
Mallard	17	22	50	34	27	75	60	20		130	2	7
Northern Pintail		4	30	3				100				
Blue-winged Teal	3		30		4		2					
"Blue-winged" Teal sp.										55		
Northern Shoveler	2	11	1		3	40	9			216		
Gadwall	3	53	20	140	44	26		50		223		2
American Wigeon		4	20	4	3	12	2			1		
Canvasback							15			1		
Redhead		6			32	8				26		
Ring-necked Duck		1		3	2	3	5			6		
Lesser Scaup					2	1	10			16		2
Bufflehead					41		20			7		
Common Merganser				6	11			2				
Ruddy Duck	42		56		48		15			250		
Turkey Vulture	1	1					3		3			
Osprey	3						1	1				1
Bald Eagle							1			1		
Northern Harrier			2	1			1			1		
Sharp-shinned Hawk							1			2		
Cooper's Hawk	1											
Northern Goshawk							1					
Swainson's Hawk	1			1	4		2					
Red-tailed Hawk		3			3		15	1	1	3	1	2
Western races	3			1								
Ferruginous Hawk		2										
Rough-legged Hawk												1
Buteo species												1
Golden Eagle							7			1		1
American Kestrel	2	1		2	5		13	10	2	2		
Merlin							1					
Prairie Falcon				1								

SPECIES	4	5	11	12	15	18	18-19	19	7	9	21	28
	CCR	SPR	BAR	SPP	BOU	WGB	DEL	CSP	CAC	BAR	LOB	CSP
Ring-necked Pheasant	1						5					
Gambel's Quail							17					
Virginia Rail	2											
American Coot	82	1	200	76	61	13	60	100		27		95
Killdeer	35	9	7	1	4	6	4			52		
American Avocet							2			2		
Greater Yellowlegs										1		
Lesser Yellowlegs										25		
Spotted Sandpiper										1		
Semipalmated Sandpiper			1									
Baird's Sandpiper										6		
Short-billed Dowitcher										22		
Common Snipe	6											
Franklin's Gull	41	7			130		1			77		
Ring-billed Gull	32	141	80	2	85	23	25	50		30		45
California Gull	7	60			2	2	4	15				2
Herring Gull			1		3			2		1		1
Grt Black-backed Gull	1											
Gull species										100		
Rock Dove	1	29	13	10	35		65	1				2
Mourning Dove	1	2	3	12	2	2	16			12		
Great Horned Owl										2		1
Belted Kingfisher	2			4	1	1	1	2		2	2	1
Downy Woodpecker	1					3		1		8	2	1
Northern Flicker						9						
"Red-shafted" race	12	2	2	15	3		17	4	9	5	2	10
Western Kingbird					1							
Horned Lark			6		3							3
Barn Swallow	3								1			
Swallow species				15								
Steller's Jay							5		5		4	
Blue Jay	2			4	8	2		1	9	1		
Western Scrub-Jay							5		3			
Clark's Nutcracker							1					
Black-billed Magpie	9	16	7	28	9	14	52	20	7	33	4	13
American Crow					1	2	65	10	15	13	11	10
Common Raven						1	11	2	1			
Black-capped Chickadee	3	5	2	6	5	11	2	6	3	10	12	8
Mountain Chickadee									2			
Bushtit							20					
White-breasted Nuthatch								1	1			
Brown Creeper											1	
Rock Wren											1	
Canyon Wren							1					
Bewick's Wren							8					
House Wren				1								
Marsh Wren							1					
American Dipper							1				3	

SPECIES	4	5	11	12	15	18	18-19	19	7	9	21	28
	CCR	SPR	BAR	SPP	BOU	WGB	DEL	CSP	CAC	BAR	LOB	CSP
Ruby-crowned Kinglet						6		1		12	3	
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher										1		
Western Bluebird							3					
Mountain Bluebird				100			10		31	2		30
Townsend's Solitaire									7		5	
American Robin	3	3		8	2	2	4	1	7		3	
Sage Thrasher									1			
American Pipit		1										50
Cedar Waxwing							2					
European Starling	7	22		250	44	37	300	50		25		45
Orange-crowned Warbler						2				1		
Yellow-rumped Warbler	10	1	1			6	2				15	
"Myrtle" race	5									10		
"Audubon's" race	5											
Green-tailed Towhee							1		1			
Spotted Towhee										1		
American Tree Sparrow											2	
Chipping Sparrow				10	4		1	1	4			
Brewer's Sparrow	1											
Savannah Sparrow	1											
Song Sparrow	2	1h		4	6	1	11	4		9	5	
White-crowned Sparrow			5	1	13	2	24	2	5	12	7	3
"Dark-lored" races					2							
"Gambel's" race		5			3							
Dark-eyed Junco							3		1	5		
"Oregon" race							2					
"Pink-sided" race							4			5		2
Red-winged Blackbird	5	27	30	2	221	21	1160	1	2	4		10
Western Meadowlark	1			4	5		15	1	2	1		
Yellow-headed Blackbird							25					
Brewer's Blackbird							10					
Great-tailed Grackle							10					
Common Grackle	3	25		10		15	60			11		
House Finch		9		2	9	3	5	5	8			4
Lesser Goldfinch									8			
American Goldfinch	52				5	6	5	5	4	4		1
House Sparrow	8	16			34	1	120			5		
TOTAL SPECIES	47	36	25	38	50	35	73	37	27	56	19	35
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	614	582	783	861	1,566	441	2537	544	143	3888	89	449

ADDITIONAL REPORTS - OCTOBER, 1997

SPECIES	Date	Count	Location	County	Observers
Pacific Loon	10/14-29	1	Cherry Creek Reservoir	Arapahoe	Bob Brown
	10/15-18	1j	Lower Latham Reservoir	Weld	Tony Leukering, Brian Gibbons
	10/22	1a	Big Johnson Reservoir	El Paso	Brandon Percival, Chris Wood
	10/22	1a	Chatfield Reservoir	Douglas	Brandon Percival, Chris Wood
	10/24	1	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
	10/29	3	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, Bob Dickson
Red-necked Grebe	10/26	1	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
Great Egret	10/7	2	Lower Latham Reservoir	Weld	Tony Leukering, Brian Gibbons
Greater White-fronted Goose	10/4	21	Neenoshe Reservoir	Kiowa	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
Surf Scoter	10/16	3f or i	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
	10/23	1im	Prospect Reservoir	Weld	Tony Leukering, Brian Gibbons
	10/26-31	1f	Big Johnson Reservoir	El Paso	Richard Bunn, Bob Goycoolea
Barrow's Goldeneye	10/13	5m2f	County Rd. 492, 1/3 mile north of County Rd. 491, Grand Lake	Grand	Tina Jones
	10/28	48	As above	Grand	Tina Jones
	10/20	35m23f	Shadow Mountain Reservoir	Grand	Tina Jones
Peregrine Falcon	10/25	1a	Wheat Ridge	Jefferson	Tony Leukering
Greater Prairie-Chicken	10/28	4	Flew across I-76 at mile 100	Washington	Dan Bridges
Sandhill Crane	10/14	3000	I-76 mile 133 near Iliff	Logan	Hugh Kingery, Urling Kingery
	10/14	300	Crook	Logan	Hugh Kingery, Urling Kingery
American Golden-Plover	10/19	5w	Blue Lake	Bent	Dan Bridges
Red-necked Phalarope	10/12, 16	1-3	Lower Latham Reservoir	Weld	Tony Leukering, Brian Gibbons
	10/23	1	Barr Lake State Park	Adams	Tony Leukering, Brian Gibbons
Parasitic Jaeger	10/18	1a	Big Johnson Reservoir	El Paso	Richard Bunn, Bob Goycoolea
	10/27	1sba	Union Reservoir	Weld	Dan Bridges
Laughing Gull	10/21	1	Prewitt Reservoir	Washington	Hugh Kingery, Urling Kingery
Black-headed Gull	10/20	1fw	Chatfield Reservoir	Douglas	Chris Wood
Little Gull	10/18	1	Lake Holbrook	Otero	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
	10/19	1i	Blue Lake	Bent	Dan Bridges
	10/22	1aw	Prewitt Reservoir	Washington	Dan Bridges
Thayer's Gull	10/30	1fw	Arkansas River below Pueblo Reservoir Dam	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Great Black-backed Gull	10/3-31	1	Cherry Creek Reservoir	Arapahoe	Bob Brown
	10/26	1aw	Marston Reservoir	Jefferson	Tina Jones, Ira Sanders
Sabine's Gull	10/12-16	1j	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
	10/14-31	1-2j	Cherry Creek Reservoir	Arapahoe	Bob Brown
	10/23-26	1a	Cherry Creek Reservoir	Arapahoe	Dan Bridges
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Common Tern	10/12-15	6	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
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Barn Owl	10/4	1	Upper Queens Reservoir	Kiowa	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
Magnificent Hummingbird	10/17-19	1f	Roxborough Park subdivision	Douglas	Many observers
Hammond's Flycatcher	10/9	1	Last Chance Rest Stop	Washington	Brandon Percival
Chihuahuan Raven	10/5	2	Big Johnson Reservoir	El Paso	Richard Bunn
Winter Wren	10/22	1	Below Prewitt Reservoir Dam	Washington	Dan Bridges
Eastern Bluebird	10/21	2	Prewitt Reservoir	Washington	Hugh Kingery, Urling Kingery
Sprague's Pipit	10/3	1	County Rds. 30 and 59 east of Julesburg	Sedgwick	Dan Bridges
Cassin's Vireo	10/3	1	Turkey Creek, Ft. Carson	El Paso	Richard Bunn, Jackie Howard
Blue-headed Vireo	10/3	1	Turkey Creek, Ft. Carson	El Paso	Richard Bunn, Jackie Howard
Philadelphia Vireo	10/9	1i	Barr Lake State Park	Adams	Tony Leukering, Brian Gibbons, Scott Hutchings
Nashville Warbler	10/21-22	1im	Barr Lake State Park	Adams	Brian Gibbons
Black-throated Blue Warbler	10/2-3	1if	Barr Lake State Park	Adams	Brian Gibbons
	10/5-8	1f	Valco Ponds	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, mo
	10/6	1m	Valco Ponds	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Townsend's Warbler	10/6-8	1	Valco Ponds	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
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	10/20-23	1i	Barr Lake State Park	Adams	Tony Leukering, Brian Gibbons
Black-throated Grn Warbler	10/4	1a	Lamar Community College	Prowers	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
	10/5	1im	Bonny Reservoir	Yuma	Tony Leukering, Brian Gibbons, Scott Hutchings
American Redstart	10/20-23	1if	Barr Lake State Park	Adams	Tony Leukering, Brian Gibbons
Hooded Warbler	10/19	1m	Frog Pond, Colorado City	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Northern Cardinal	10/9-10	1f	2nd St., Ovid	Sedgwick	Brandon Percival, Bob Dickson
Field Sparrow	10/4-5	9	Bonny Reservoir	Yuma	Tony Leukering, Brian Gibbons, mo
Grasshopper Sparrow	10/4	6	Bonny Reservoir	Yuma	Tony Leukering, mo
Fox Sparrow Altvagans subspecies	10/18	1	Below Prewitt Reservoir Dam	Sedgwick	Dan Bridges
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	10/7-19	1a	4400 Bow Mar Dr., Littleton	Jefferson	Tina Jones
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	10/21-30	1	Green Mountain Falls	Teller	Richard Bunn
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NOTE TO OCTOBER ADDITIONAL SIGHTINGS

Congratulations to Karleen Schofield and Bob Dickson who upon viewing the Magnificent Hummingbird at Roxborough Park subdivision each reached 400 Colorado life birds.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

John Azua	2900 E. 23rd Ave., Denver, 80205	331-5815
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Lou and Dotty Dittmar	8625 E. Eastman Ave., Denver, 80231	695-8625
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Marcia Sullivan	1220D Linden Ave., Boulder, 80304-1550	443-6904

UPCOMING FIELD TRIPS

December 6, Saturday (RPP)
Ft. Collins area to include Rawhide Power Plant and Wellington

Leader: Dr. Ron Ryder, 970-482-8089
Meet leader at 0830 at the visitor overlook at the power plant. From I-25 take exit 288 (Buckeye Rd.) then go west on Country Rd. 82 for about 3 miles to the overlook. Bring lunch and spotting scope.

December 7, Sunday (CAC)
Castlewood Canyon State Park

Leader: J.B. Hayes, 798-9683
Meet at 0800 at the new visitor's center at the state park. Go south from Franktown five miles on CO Highway 83. Two miles walking on moderate trails. Half day trip. Lunch optional. State Parks Pass required.

December 13, Saturday
Christmas Bird Count scouting trips

December 14, Sunday
Christmas Bird Count scouting trips

December 20, Saturday
Denver Area Christmas Bird Count

December 21, Sunday
Christmas Bird Counts

December 27, Saturday
Christmas Bird Counts

December 28, Sunday
Christmas Bird Counts

Trips scheduled by Lynn Willcockson, 757-7000

URBAN DENVER CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT, JANUARY 1, 1998

Start the new year with a half day or whole day effort, a good way to start your 1998 year list. Platte River from North city limits to Mississippi, west to Buckley Field and Rocky Mountain Arsenal.

Count Leader/Compiler: Hugh Kingery, 814-2723

Compilation Meeting: Pot luck at the Willcockson's, 2698 S. Niagara St. Call 757-7000 so we can count you in on Harold and Betty Oliver's chili pot, Urling's brownies and Liz and Lynn's hospitality.

1.	South Platte River (South)	Betty and Harold Oliver	936-6902
2.	South Platte River (North)	Contact Dick Schottler	278-8035
		Leader: Duane Nelson	
3.	Rocky Mountain Arsenal	Urling Kingery	814-2723
4.	Commerce City, Montbello	Jackie King	287-1644
5.	Sand Creek/Tollgate Creek and Aurora	Randy Lentz	680-3381
7.	Cherry Creek Reservoir	Patty Echelmeyer	233-4947
8.	Kent School, south of Hampden Ave.	Lynn Willcockson	757-7000
9.	Southeast Denver, north of Hampden Ave.	Walt Hackney	935-4722
10.	Cherry Creek Dam to Denver Country Club	Gail Evans	758-2231
11.	Fairmont Cemetery/Lowry Field	Tuesday Birders	979-6211
13.	City Park and Park Hill	Karleen Schofield	936-8661
14.	Cherry Creek, Confluence Washington Park, Denver	Sherry Chapman	699-1351
15.	Feeders	Jeane Hageman	322-6589

COLORADO CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNTS

December 19, Friday

Nunn	Jim Sedgwick	970-226-9466
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December 20, Saturday

Colorado Springs	Ben and Sally Sorenson	719-635-1716
Fort Collins	Kevin Cook	970-223-8392
Gunnison	Ron Meyer	970-641-1477
Longmont	Ron Harden	970-667-3819
Pueblo Reservoir	Mark Yaeger	719-543-2724
Roaring Fork River Valley	David Clark	970-963-3479

December 21, Sunday

Boulder	Bill Kaempfer	939-8005
Evergreen	Larry White	674-0535
Grand Junction	Coen Dexter	970-464-7971
Penrose	Rosie Watts	719-372-6679

December 22, Monday

Rocky Ford	Mark Janos	719-544-5002
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December 23, Tuesday

North Park	Clait Braun	970-493-2841
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December 26, Friday

Fountain Creek	Alan Versaw	719-598-7130
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December 27, Saturday

Barr Lake	Tony Leukering	659-4348
Greeley	Tom and Jo Ann Kozan	970-356-2698
Westcliffe	Dave Johnson	719-545-5548

December 28, Sunday

Douglas County	Ann Bonnell	973-3959
Hotchkiss	Dick Guadagno	970-527-4563
Pueblo	Mike Ketchen	719-547-9134
Rawhide Energy Station	Dr. Ron Ryder	970-482-8089

January 1, Thursday

Mesa	Rich Levad	970-242-3979
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January 3, Saturday

Great Sand Dunes Natl. Mon.	Stuart Schneider	719-378-2312
Lake Isabel	Dave Silverman,	719-489-3565
Monte Vista	Ron Garcia	719-589-4021x104
Montrose,	Andrea Robinson,	719-872-3952
Pikes Peak	Doug Allen	-----
Rocky Mountain National Park	Scott L. Roederer	970-586-8812

January 4, Sunday

Black Forest	Judy Von Ahlefeldt or BB Hahn	719-495-8409 719-495-0647
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OTHER CBCs - DATES UNKNOWN

Aspen, Dale Abrams
 Curecanti National Recreation Area, Joanie Budzileni
 Durango, Kip Stransky
 Evergreen-Idaho Springs, Barbara Jean Gard
 Spanish Peaks, Dave Silverman, 719-489-3565
 Summit County, Tom Kroening
 Weldona-Ft. Morgan, David Hutchinson

Thanks to Brandon Percival for compiling the state-wide Christmas Bird Count information.

DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS - Membership Information

WELCOME TO THE DFO

PURPOSE: The prime objective of the club is to promote interest in the study and preservation of birds and their habitats. Members are encouraged to learn about birds in the field, noting species and numbers, while learning about their songs and calls, as well as habits and habitats.

REGULAR MEETINGS: The general meetings are held each month (except June, July, August, and December) at 7:30 PM at the Denver Museum of Natural History. Dates and subjects of the meetings are reported on the Colorado Rare Bird Alert (424-2144) and in the *Lark Bunting*. The meetings are open to the public without charge.

FIELD TRIPS: These are scheduled for almost every Saturday and Sunday throughout the year to a variety of habitats near Denver. Occasionally special trips are arranged to good birding areas in other parts of Colorado and surrounding states. Usually it is necessary to bring a lunch, and to wear sturdy hiking shoes or boots. Carpooling is encouraged to get the most from bird watching, as well as to save time and energy. Carpooling cost is 10 cents per mile divided by the number of people in the car including the driver.

BULLETIN: A monthly bulletin, the *Lark Bunting*, is issued to all members, listing field trips scheduled. A complete list of bird seen on the previous month's trips is given in checklist order as are interesting sightings reported by members.

DFO COLORADO RARE BIRD ALERT — 303-424-2144

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Please indicate:

☐ — NEW

☐ — RENEWAL

All memberships expire December 31, but are valid for the next year if paid after October 1st.

_____ Regular Family Membership \$25.00

_____ Student Membership 5.00 (age 18 or younger)

_____ Contribution to the Colorado Rare Bird Alert

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Name _____

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Send to Treasurer: Glenn Hageman, 448 South Leyden St., Denver, CO 80224-1249, 303-322-6589



THE LARK BUNTING

MONTHLY REPORT OF FIELD OBSERVATIONS OF THE DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS

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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING ON THE FIRST WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER THROUGH MAY, EXCEPT FOR DECEMBER, AT 7:30 PM, DENVER MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, RICKETSON AUDITORIUM

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, January 7

Program: "Australia - Wild and Wonderful"

Speaker: William R. Turner, Adult Education Coordinator, The Denver Zoo

NOTE: Please call the Colorado Rare Bird Alert for special DFO Meeting announcements or cancellations

***** Colorado Rare Bird Alert - 424-2144 *****

FIELD TRIP SUMMARY NOV. 1997

November 1, Saturday (BAR)

Barr Lake State Park

Leaders: Lee and Marilyn Rowe

0840-1200. Zero miles by car. 4.0 miles on foot.

Partly cloudy, wind northwest 25-31 mph, 40-50°F.

Observers: Warren Finch, Myriam Friggens, Peggy Gonder, Edwin McConkey, Debbie Seiden, Bob Spencer, Mort Staatz, Marcia Sullivan.
34 species. 1,004 individuals.

November 2, Sunday (CHA)

Chatfield State Park

Leader: Ira Sanders

0700-1230. 16 miles by car. 3.0 miles on foot.

Clear, wind west-northwest 10-30 mph, 32-45°F.

Observers: Karleen Schofield, Dick Schottler, Sue Schulman.
40 species. 812 individuals.

November 8, Saturday (RSR)

Riverside Reservoir, Jackson Lake State Recreation Area and Muir Springs

Leader: David Quesenberry

0900-1530. 47 miles by car. 1.0 miles on foot.

Overcast, wind northwest 10 mph, 45-50°F.

Observers: George Armbrust, Tammy Ferreira, Carol Fredericks, Ken Fredericks, Richard Mendez, Chris Owens, Karleen Schofield, Bob Spencer, Mort Staatz, Laura Wathen, Wayne Wathen.
52 species. 2,890 individuals.

November 9, Sunday (NWL)

Northwest Lakes

Leader: Patty Echelmeyer

Trip canceled due inclement weather.

November 15, Saturday (CCR)

Cherry Creek Reservoir

Leader: Sherry Chapman

0800-1230. 4 miles by car. 0.1 miles on foot.

Clear, wind 0-6 mph, 11-24°F.

Observers: Warren Finch, Carol Fredericks, Ken Fredericks, Charles Lawrence, Mookie McKim, Dave Quesenberry.
31 species. 651 individuals.

November 16, Sunday (ROX)

Roxborough State Park

Leader: Doris Cruze

0800-1030. Zero miles by car. 2.25 miles on foot. Partly cloudy, wind north-northwest 15-25 mph, 8-17°F.

THE LARK BUNTING

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The Denver Field Ornithologists was organized as the Colorado Bird Club in 1935, and membership is open to anyone interested in the birds of the Denver area in particular, and the birds of Colorado in general. The DFO presents monthly evening programs (except in the summer) and conducts about 100 field trips annually.

Regular individual or family membership is \$25.00 per year. Student (age 18 or younger) membership is \$5.00 per year. Applications for membership should be sent to the Treasurer (address below). A membership application form is attached to the back of the *Lark Bunting*.

Notification of changes in name or address should be sent to the Treasurer. The *Lark Bunting* is sent by third class mail, and will not be forwarded.

Members who fail to receive the *Lark Bunting* by the 25th of the month should contact the Treasurer (Glenn Hageman, 322-6589), as he usually has extra copies. Those who fail to receive the *Lark Bunting* for two or more consecutive months should contact the Treasurer in writing.

Notices or announcements of classes, lectures, special field trips, etc., relating to birds that are intended for inclusion in the *Lark Bunting* should be received in the mail by the Editor no later than the 5th of the month of issue. The Editor reserves the right to accept or refuse and to edit any announcement. The *Lark Bunting* does not accept advertising.

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Observers: Mlee Bradbury, Warren Finch,
Richard Mendez, Chris Owens, and Darrell Gindin
with 5 adults and 9 children from Webelos Pack
626 Hawk Patrol.

13 species. 72 individuals.

November 22, Saturday

(LMA)

Longmont Area

Leaders: Richard Mendez and Chris Owens
0830-1200. 35 miles by car. Zero miles on foot.
Wind variable 3 mph, 30°F.

Observers: Ann Donoghue, Marlene Eggerling,
Myriam Friggens, Ivan Getting, Steve Padechi,
Buzz Schaumberg.

35 species. 3,417 individuals.

November 23, Sunday

(BOU)

Boulder area to include Valmont and Baseline
Reservoirs, Walden-Sawhill Ponds, Teller Lake
#5 and Sterns Lake.

Leader: Karleen Schofield and Myron Plooster
0845-1500. 20 miles by car. 3.5 miles on foot.
Overcast to partly cloudy, wind north 0-2 mph,
30-55°F.

Observers: Marlene Andrews, Myriam Friggens,
Ivan Getting, Richard Mendez, Chris Owens,
Debbie Seiden, Marcia Sullivan.

49 species. 1,435 individuals.

November 27-30, Thursday-Sunday

(BOS)

Bosque del Apache, New Mexico

Leader, Jackie King

0800-1800 daily. 1,370 miles by car, 1.0 miles on
foot. Clear, wind northwest 10 mph, 20-60°F.

Observers: Myriam Friggens, Rosemary
Scheuring, Sue Schulman, Amy Young.

100 species. 48,050 individuals.

November 29, Saturday

(WRG)

Wheat Ridge Greenbelt

Leader: Ruth Breckon

0830-1400. 2.0 miles by car. 2.0 miles on foot.
Clear, wind northwest 5-10 mph, 33-47°F.

Observers: Dan Brachear, Karen Hoff, Richard
Mendez, Charlotte Ossman, Chris Owens. Jim
Tyler.

39 species. 1,130 individuals.

November 30, Sunday (SPR)

South Platte Riverwalk to include Riverside Cemetery to Morgan Smith Park

Leader: David Laliberte

0820-1340. 35 miles by car. 1.3 miles on foot.

Partly cloudy to sunny, wind south 5-9 mph, 27-48°F.

Observers: Doris Cruze, Robin Krebs, Barbara Thomas.

40 species. 906 individuals.

TUESDAY BIRDERS

November 4, Tuesday (WTC)

Waterton Canyon, Lockheed Martin Wetlands

Leader: Ann Bonnell. 31 observers.

0900-1100. Zero miles by car. 1.5 miles on foot.

Mostly sunny, wind north 5-20 mph, 56-60°F.

23 species. 421 individuals.

November 4, Tuesday (CHA)

Chatfield Arboretum

Leader: Ann Bonnell. 31 observers.

1100-1215. Zero miles by car. 1.0 miles on foot.

Mostly sunny, wind north 5-20 mph, 56-60°F.

18 species. 181 individuals.

November 11, Tuesday

Trip canceled due inclement weather.

November 18, Tuesday (WGB)

Wheat Ridge Greenbelt

Leader: Ann Bonnell. 44 observers.

0900-1200. Zero miles by car. 3.0 miles on foot.

Sunny, wind northwest 5-19 mph, 39-43°F.

40 species. 862 individuals.

November 25, Tuesday (CCR)

Cherry Creek Reservoir

Leader: Ann Bonnell. 27 observers.

0900-1300. 4.0 miles by car. 0.25 miles on foot.

Mostly sunny, wind west 5-10 mph, 46-63°F.

34 species. 981 individuals.

Monna Krebs, compiler

NOVEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE COLORADO RARE BIRD ALERT

Tamie Bulow

Tim Davis

Joe and Norma Kamby

Mary Lederer

Bobbie and George Lohr

Jan Justice Waddington

RENEW NOW!

Remember, all DFO members renew at the beginning of the calendar year. Unless your membership was effective after October 1, 1997, it will expire December 31 and terminate January 31, 1998. Use the renewal form on the inside of the mailing wrapper to continue your membership.

And while renewing, remember that DFO is largely successful because of the number of members who donate their time and effort. Consider volunteering for Officer, Director, Field Trip Leader, or other by checking one, or more boxes on the renewal form!

PRESENTATION SLIDES

Ruth Breckon has generously offered to any DFO Member bird slides to use for presentations. Please contact Ruth at 403-4513.

UPPER TEXAS COAST

Join Bob Righter, April 17-24. At this time of year there is no better location to experience the vast migration into North America. This trip will be limited to eight birders. All expenses shared. Since the *Lark Bunting* doesn't arrive at all of our homes at the same time, and Bob will be out of town until January 1, 1998, please send Bob a note to get your name into the lottery. Bob Righter, 2358 S. Fillmore St., Denver, CO 80210, or phone after January 1 at 692-8529.

1937 CHRISTMAS CENSUS

Alan Hay forwarded the following information that he located in *Bird Lore Magazine*, January-February 1938, Vol. XL, No. 1, Published by the National Association of Audubon Societies.

Jefferson County Colorado (Marston Lake, south along Platte River and Plum Creek about 4 miles, thence by automobile up Deer Creek to divide and down Turkey Creek to Red Rocks, with stops at several points). December 22, 7:15 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Clear most of the day; 4 inches snow on lower levels, more in the foothills; temp about 32° most of the day. About 5 miles on foot, 25 miles by automobile, all within 15-mile diameter. Observers in pairs most of the day. Great Blue Heron, 1; Whistling Swan, 1; Common Mallard, more than 2,250; Baldpate, 25; Pintail, 22; Green-winged Teal, 30; Wood Duck, 2; Redhead, 1; American Goldeneye, 3; American Merganser, 200; Cooper's Hawk, 1; American Rough-legged Hawk, 1; Golden Eagle, 1; Marsh Hawk, 15; Ring-necked Pheasant, 30; Coot, 2; Killdeer, 5; Wilson's Snipe, 2; Ring-billed Gull, 30; Rock Dove, 25; Mourning Dove, 2; Screech Owl, 1; Kingfisher, 3; Red-shafted Flicker, 25; Hairy Woodpecker, 2; Downy Woodpecker, 5; Horned Lark, 40; Long-crested Jay, 4; American Magpie, 150; Long-tailed Chickadee, 15; Mountain Chickadee, 4; Rocky Mountain Nuthatch, 3; Rocky Mountain Creeper, 1; Canyon Wren, 1; Townsend's Solitaire, 4; English Sparrow, 25; Western Meadowlark, 75; Red-winged Blackbird, more than 11,000; Purple Finch, 12; House Finch, 40; White-winged Junco, 20; Slate-colored Junco, 25; Shufeldt's Junco, 50; Montana Junco, 6; Pink-sided Junco, 50; Gray-headed Junco, 5; Tree Sparrow, 500 (est); White-crowned Sparrow, 10; Gambel's Sparrow, 10; Song Sparrow, 40; Alaska Longspur, 2. Total 51 species, 14,777 individuals. The Whistling Swan and Wood Ducks were individuals that had been living with a group of other water-fowl being fed near Marston Lake, they were at liberty to fly and were part of a group including Mallards and Baldpates that were passing the winter at this point. The Rock Doves were living wild among

the Red Rocks. A.M. Bailey, Robert J. Niedrach, Jack Welsh, E.R. Kalmbach.

Other interesting notes from the Douglas Wyoming count (along North Platte River from Irvine to Orpha) includes: American Rough-legged Hawk, 4; Sparrow Hawk, 1; Horned Lark, 3,241; Northern Pine Siskin, 5. Observers: W.R. Eastman, Kenneth Cook, Alan Hay and Warren Garst.

Thanks to Alan for submitting this information.

IN MEMORIAM

Ruth Wheeler, the grand lady of Colorado birding, and until her passing, the last living charter member of DFO passed away at 2 a.m. December 6, 1997. Funeral services were 1:00 p.m. Dec. 10, at Wheat Ridge Congregational Church, 6310 W. 29th St., Wheat Ridge, CO. Ruth celebrated her 98th birthday on September 22. She was always active as a leader or attendee on field trips until around 1990. As recently as a year ago Ruth still attended the DFO monthly meetings. She also served as the DFO Field Trip Coordinator. An article about Ruth appeared in the August, 1993 issue of the *Lark Bunting*.

Condolences may be sent to her nephew, Tom Bailey, at 2766 S. Fenton St., Denver CO 80227, 985-4939.

In October, DFO affirmed a request to place a bench with a plaque in her honor. When she was visited by Patty Echelmeyer to tell her of the plans and asked where she would like to have the bench placed, Ruth said that her favorite spot was Roxborough State Park, and that she had birded there for many years before it was made a State Park. Plans are now under way to have a bench placed in Ruth's honor at the park next spring.

SPECIES	1 BAR	2 CHA	8 RSR	15 CCR	16 ROX	22 LMA	23 BOU	27-30 BOS	29 WRG	30 SPR	4 WTC	4 CHA	18 WGB	25 CCR
Common Loon		2		3										2
Pied-billed Grebe		4		2			5	6	2	3			5	1
Horned Grebe		7		200			3	3						30
Eared Grebe	3	4	1					5						13
Western Grebe	5	45	15	41		30	2	100					2	1
Clark's Grebe		1		1										
American White Pelican	2		1					25						
Double-crested Cormorant	6	14	4	1			2	34			2			
Neotropic Cormorant								15						
Great Blue Heron	4	1	1			2	1	10		2	1			
Great Egret								3						
Blk-crowned Night-Heron								3						
Fulvous Whistling-Duck								3						
Snow Goose														
"White" morph								31000						
"Blue" morph								600						
Ross' Goose								50						
Canada Goose	200	135	800	90		800	230	450	580	185	30		240	400
Wood Duck							1		1					
Green-winged Teal	25						13			24	5			
Mallard	60	24	40	50		410	110	100	82	42	10		60	15
Northern Pintail	80		12			19	7	50		18	1			
Northern Shoveler		20	20				60	380	47	30	1		50	
Gadwall	3					2	6	45	26	42	30		17	
American Wigeon	7	4				201	90	35	35	35	20		45	
Canvasback			1			10	34	6	1	1f			6	
Redhead	20		1			106	52	3	29	22			10	
Ring-necked Duck			6			200	70		30	39			6	
Lesser Scaup	30	1	3	20		3		30	25	7			10	
Oldsquaw													2	1
Common Goldeneye				6		526	31	8	28	40			14	125
Barrow's Goldeneye										1am				
Bufflehead	8	1				32	40	75	7	9	25		2	4
Hooded Merganser				2		1	40	3	15	5				
Common Merganser		1				300								7
Red-breasted Merganser														6
Ruddy Duck		10				18	7	25	2				2	
Osprey								1						
Bald Eagle	2		2ali			7	2i	8		1a		1		1
Northern Harrier			10			1	1	22						2
Sharp-shinned Hawk					1			1				1f		
Cooper's Hawk								2					1	
Red-tailed Hawk		3	12	2	1	6	6	33	2	8	4	1	1	
"Harlan's" race							1							
"Krider's" race										1				
Ferruginous Hawk							1	4		2		1		1
Rough-legged Hawk			1	1		1	1	8						
Golden Eagle			1				2	2						
American Kestrel		2	20		1	7	4	17		4	2			
Merlin	1													
Peregrine Falcon								2		1				

SPECIES	1 BAR	2 CHA	8 RSR	15 CCR	16 ROX	22 LMA	23 BOU	27-30 BOS	29 WRG	30 SPR	4 WTC	4 CHA	18 WGB	25 CCR
Prairie Falcon			2				1			1				
Ring-necked Pheasant		1	3											
Wild Turkey								4						
Gambel's Quail								62						
Virginia Rail			1				3							4
American Coot	300	285	50	10		212	180	825	27	6	10		50	5
Sandhill Crane								10375						
Whooping Crane								3						
Killdeer							1	2		1				
American Avocet								14						
Greater Yellowlegs								1						
Lesser Yellowlegs								7						
Least Sandpiper			5					4						
Long-billed Dowitcher								14						
Common Snipe			25					1		1				
Bonaparte's Gull				1										2
Ring-billed Gull	150	70	200	140		302	120	30	25	226	3		70	270
California Gull	2	8	2						2					1
Herring Gull	1		2	3		6								3
Black-legged Kittiwake				1										
Rock Dove	15	17	2			100	5	210		12			22	
White-winged Dove								6						
Mourning Dove								35	2	1				
Greater Roadrunner								1						
Eastern Screech-Owl													1	
Great Horned Owl								1				1		
Belted Kingfisher	2	1	1	3			3		1	3	1		1	2
Ladder-backed Woodpecker								2						
Downy Woodpecker			5	3		1			6				6	1
Hairy Woodpecker			1				1							
Northern Flicker	9		10	2					19		2	2	12	6
"Yellow-shafted" race			3											
"Red-shafted" race		10	6		3	2	11	3		4				
Eastern Phoebe								1						
Say's Phoebe								3						
Horned Lark		30	50				15	150						
Steller's Jay					2									
Blue Jay			10	2		7	1		3				2	
Western Scrub-Jay		1			25			1						
Black-billed Magpie	18	12	50	5	7	6	13	19	23	26	4	6	15	12
American Crow		11		3	2	2	3	730	11	31	100	80	6	6
Chihuahuan Raven								1						
Common Raven		1			1		1	17			4	1		
Black-capped Chickadee	6	18		4	12		15		15			10	10	6
Verdin								1						
Canyon Wren					1									
Bewick's Wren								2						
Marsh Wren									1				1	
American Dipper									2					
Ruby-crowned Kinglet								3						
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher								1						

SPECIES	1 BAR	2 CHA	8 RSR	15 CCR	16 ROX	22 LMA	23 BOU	27-30 BOS	29 WRG	30 SPR	4 WTC	4 CHA	18 WGB	25 CCR
Hermit Thrush								1						
American Robin	1		10					1	3					
Bendire's Thrasher								1						
Curve-billed Thrasher								1						
Crissal Thrasher								1						
American Pipit								4						
Cedar Waxwing			12											
Phainopepla								1						
Northern Shrike		3	1				1	1						
Loggerhead Shrike								2						
European Starling	23	17	800	1		50	140	1100	27	33	160		105	6
Yellow-rumped Warbler		1	12											
Pyrrhuloxia								2						
Spotted Towhee					3				1				3	
Canyon Towhee								2						
American Tree Sparrow	6	3	10	13		28	55	25	2		2	13	1	12
Chipping Sparrow	1	1						2						
Brewer's Sparrow								12						
Vesper Sparrow								2						
Fox Sparrow								2						
Song Sparrow	5	3	4	1h		1	6	9	2	8	2	2	4	2
White-crowned Sparrow	3		30					50	3			1		
Dark-eyed Junco						1h						7	13	3
"Slate-colored" race			8		4			2						
"Oregon" race			2		7			6						
"Pink-sided" race					2			2						
McCown's Longspur								1						
Lapland Longspur								1						
Red-winged Blackbird	2	33	300	30			12	875	13	8			1	
Eastern Meadowlark								1						
Western Meadowlark	1h		6	2		17		23						
Yellow-headed Blackbird								165						
Brewer's Blackbird			200				22	25		12				
Great-tailed Grackle								2						
Common Grackle								10						
House Finch		4	7					17	14	5		5	20	3
Lesser Goldfinch												11		
American Goldfinch	3	3	3				4		8	4	2	26	9	3
House Sparrow			100	8				25	8	3		6	30	25
TOTAL SPECIES	34	40	52	31	13	35	49	100	39	40	23	18	40	34
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	1004	812	2890	651	72	3417	1435	48050	1130	906	421	181	862	981

ADDITIONAL REPORTS - NOVEMBER, 1997

SPECIES	Date	Count	Location	County	Observers
Red-throated Loon	11/11	1w	Cherry Creek Reservoir	Arapahoe	Bob Brown
Pacific Loon	11/5	1b	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
	11/8	1b	Lake Meredith	Crowley	Brandon Percival, Peter Gent, Mark Hullinger, Mark Janos
Yellow-billed Loon	11/30	1w	Chatfield State Park	Jefferson	Bob Brown, Lea Ann Brown, mo
Red-necked Grebe	11/2-7	1b	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos, mo
	11/18	1b	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
	11/22, 11/29	1w	Chatfield State Park	Douglas	Bob Brown
	11/24	1wa	Chatfield State Park	Jefferson	Karleen Schofield, Dick Schottler
White-faced Ibis	11/8	1	Rocky Ford Sewage Ponds	Otero	Brandon Percival, Peter Gent, Mark Hullinger, Mark Janos
Tundra Swan	11/21	1a	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, Bob Dickson
	11/29	1	Gaynor Pond	Boulder	Tony Leukering
Trumpeter Swan	11/9, 11/13	2a	Roxborough Village pond	Douglas	Bob Brown, Karleen Schofield
	11/21	1a	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, Bob Dickson
	11/29	1	Gaynor Pond	Boulder	Tony Leukering
	11/16	1a	Cherry Creek Reservoir	Arapahoe	Karleen Schofield
Ross' Goose	11/16	1a	Cherry Creek Reservoir	Arapahoe	Karleen Schofield
Oldsquaw	11/8	1f	Rocky Ford Sewage Ponds	Otero	Brandon Percival, Peter Gent, Mark Hullinger, Mark Janos
	11/11	2m	Waterton Reservoir	Douglas	Karleen Schofield, Ira Sanders
	11/15, 11/19	2	Prospect Lake	Jefferson	Bob Brown, Karleen Schofield
	11/16	3	Lake Cheraw	Otero	Brandon Percival, David Ely, Mark Janos
	11/16	1	Lake Henry	Crowley	Brandon Percival, David Ely, Mark Janos
	11/22	1	Cherry Creek Reservoir	Arapahoe	Bob, Brown, CFO Group,
	11/30	1	Cherry Creek Reservoir	Arapahoe	Bob Brown
	11/30	1	Lake Henry	Crowley	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
Black Scoter	11/8, 16	2f/i	Lake Henry	Crowley	Brandon Percival, Peter Gent, Mark Hullinger, Mark Janos, mo
	11/12	2f/i	Big Johnson Reservoir	El Paso	Brandon Percival
Surf Scoter	11/1	1f	Prospect Park Lake	Jefferson	Dan Bridges
White-winged Scoter	11/13	2f/i	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
	11/19	1f	Prospect Lake	Jefferson	Karleen Schofield
	11/22, 24, 27, 30	2f/i	Cherry Creek Reservoir	Arapahoe	Bob Brown, CFO Group
Barrow's Goldeneye	11/13, 11/22	1f	Cherry Creek Reservoir	Arapahoe	CFO Group
	11/19	1am	CO 224 at the South Platte River	Adams	Tony Leukering
	11/22	1i/f	Cherry Creek Reservoir	Arapahoe	Tony Leukering, mo
	11/25	2f	Cherry Creek Reservoir	Arapahoe	Karleen Schofield
Osprey	11/13	1	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Merlin	11/22	1	Cherry Creek Reservoir	Arapahoe	Karleen Schofield, B.B. Hahn
Black-bellied Plover	11/8	1	Lake Holbrook	Otero	Brandon Percival, Peter Gent, Mark Hullinger, Mark Janos

SPECIES	Date	Count	Location	County	Observers
Bonaparte's Gull	11/1-29	up to 30	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, mo
	11/6	31	Bonny Reservoir	Yuma	Dan Bridges
Thayer's Gull	11/27-29	1fw	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
	11/27	1i	Union Reservoir	Weld	Tony Leukering
Lesser Black-backed Gull	11/23	1-3rd yr	Cherry Creek Reservoir	Arapahoe	Bob Brown
Glaucous Gull	11/29	1i	Union Reservoir	Weld	Tony Leukering
Great Black-backed Gull	11/1, 3, 5, 11	1a	Cherry Creek Reservoir	Arapahoe	Bob Brown, Karleen Schofield, D.W. King, John Vanderpoel
	11/16-30	1wa	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, mo
Black-legged Kittiwake	11/13, 14	1fw	Cherry Creek Reservoir	Arapahoe	Bob Brown, Karleen Schofield, B.B. Hahn
Eurasian Collared-Dove	11/16	6	Rocky Ford	Otero	Brandon Percival, David Ely, Mark Janos
Greater Roadrunner	11/13	1	East of Boone	Pueblo	Dan Bridges
Tree Swallow	11/29-30	1	Valco Ponds	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Hermit Thrush	11/3	1	Valco Ponds	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Common Yellowthroat	11/30	1f	Valco Ponds	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Swamp Sparrow	11/5	1w	Cherry Creek Reservoir	Arapahoe	Karleen Schofield
White-throated Sparrow	11/2	1	Colorado City	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos, Dave Johnson, Dave Silverman
	11/16	1	Muir Springs	Morgan	Dan Bridges
McCown's Longspur	11/28	3	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Rusty Blackbird	11/16	1m, 1f	Below Prewitt Reservoir Dam	Washington	Dan Bridges

CORRECTION TO OCTOBER ADDITIONAL SIGHTINGS

The Fox Sparrow reported by Dan Bridges on 10/18 and listed as being seen in Sedgwick County was actually seen in Washington County. The editor regrets any inconvenience caused by this error.

a = adult, sba = sub-adult, m = male, f = female, mo = molting, j = juvenile, i = immature, d = dead, fym = first year male, fw = first winter, br = breeding plumage, nb = near breeding plumage, b = banded, fs = first summer, ss = second summer, w = winter plumage, n = nesting, c = calling, s = singing, h = heard, (F) = form submitted

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Lavonne Axford	7766 S. Elizabeth Ct., Littleton, 80122-3314	770-2428
Fern Baker	10706 Bryant Ct., Westminster, 80234-3110	404-2535
Lynne and Kelly Forrester	11146 W. Arbor Dr., Littleton, 80127	904-3664
Eric D. Johnson	1045 S. Fraser Wy., Aurora, 80012-3745	368-5981
Nancy and Bill Strathearn	4505 S. Yosemite St., #339, Denver, 80237	713-0746
Veronica Thighe	6126 S. Niagara Ct., Englewood, 80111-4441	694-4087
Lyle Tompsen	8636 Yukon St., #A208, Arvada, 80005	970-3532
Jim Tyler	9015 E. Girard Ave., #28, Denver 80231-5027	743-9633

UPCOMING FIELD TRIPS

January 3, Saturday (BWB)

Breakfast with the birds

Leader: Gail Evans, 758-2231

Gracious homeowners will share their backyard birds near Castlewood Canyon State Park. Call leader for details.

January 4, Sunday (CSP)

Chatfield State Park

Leader: Ira Sanders, 278-7172

Meet at 0800 at the intersection of S. Wadsworth and Deer Creek Canyon Rd, just south of C470. Half day trip. State Parks Pass required.

January 10, Saturday (BOU)

Boulder area

Leader: Bob Jickling, 499-4977

Meet at 0900 at Valmont Power Plant. From US 36 take Foothills Parkway exit. Go north two miles to Arapahoe Rd., then east two miles to 63rd St. and north 0.25 miles to entrance. Full day trip. Bring lunch.

January 11, Sunday (SPR)

South Platte River

Leader: David Laliberte, 297-2504

Meet at 0830 at Denver Museum of Natural History, east end of north parking lot. Full day trip. Bring lunch.

January 17, Saturday (RRP)

Red Rocks Park, to include Bear Creek Lake Park and Bear Creek Canyon

Leader: Norm Lewis, 988-5544

Meet at 0900 at Red Rocks Trading Post. Full day trip. Bring lunch. Bear Creek Lake Park Pass required.

January 18, Sunday (CCR)

Cherry Creek State Park

Leader: Bob Brown, 791-6204

Meet at 0800 just inside west gate of park, east of Cherry Creek High School. Go east on Union Ave from S. Yosemite St. Half day trip. Lunch optional. State Parks Pass required.

January 24, Saturday (RMA)

Rocky Mountain Arsenal

Leader: Ed Holub, 979-2194

Wintering Bald Eagles and other raptors. Space is limited. Call leader if going.

January 25, Sunday (WRG)

Wheat Ridge Greenbelt

Leader: Mort Staatz, 279-6169

Meet at 0830 at Prospect Lake south of W. 44th Ave. near Robb St. Half day trip. Lunch optional.

January 31, Saturday (F&M)

Foothills and mountains

Leader: Warren Finch, 233-3372

Call leader for meeting instructions and carpooling information. Look for Wild Turkey, Blue Grouse and White-tailed Ptarmigan. Trip limited to four-wheel drive vehicles. Winter driving conditions. Full day trip. Bring lunch.

February 1, Sunday (LMC)

Lake McConaughy, Nebraska

Leader: Jackie King, 287-1644

Meet leader at 0630 at the Denver Museum of Natural History in City Park. Bald Eagles by the hundreds congregate at the lake. Last year there were 350, as well as Tundra Swans. If the ice does not freeze then we will bird northeast Colorado. Full day trip. Bring lunch.

Trips scheduled by Patty Echelmeyer, 233-4947

DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS - Membership Information

WELCOME TO THE DFO

PURPOSE: The prime objective of the club is to promote interest in the study and preservation of birds and their habitats. Members are encouraged to learn about birds in the field, noting species and numbers, while learning about their songs and calls, as well as habits and habitats.

REGULAR MEETINGS: The general meetings are held each month (except June, July, August, and December) at 7:30 PM at the Denver Museum of Natural History. Dates and subjects of the meetings are reported on the Colorado Rare Bird Alert (424-2144) and in the *Lark Bunting*. The meetings are open to the public without charge.

FIELD TRIPS: These are scheduled for almost every Saturday and Sunday throughout the year to a variety of habitats near Denver. Occasionally special trips are arranged to good birding areas in other parts of Colorado and surrounding states. Usually it is necessary to bring a lunch, and to wear sturdy hiking shoes or boots. Carpooling is encouraged to get the most from bird watching, as well as to save time and energy. Carpooling cost is 10 cents per mile divided by the number of people in the car including the driver.

BULLETIN: A monthly bulletin, the *Lark Bunting*, is issued to all members, listing field trips scheduled. A complete list of bird seen on the previous month's trips is given in checklist order as are interesting sightings reported by members.

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MEMBERSHIP/RENEWAL APPLICATION

I would like to volunteer for: ☐ Nominee for Officer or Director
☐ Field Trip Leader
☐ Other (State purpose) _____

Please indicate:

☐ — NEW

☐ — RENEWAL

All memberships expire December 31, but are valid for the next year if paid after October 1st.

_____ Regular Family Membership \$25.00

_____ Student Membership 5.00 (age 18 or younger)

_____ Contribution to the Colorado Rare Bird Alert

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